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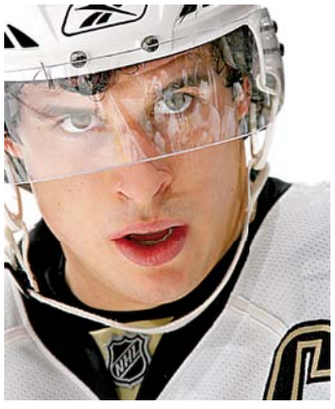

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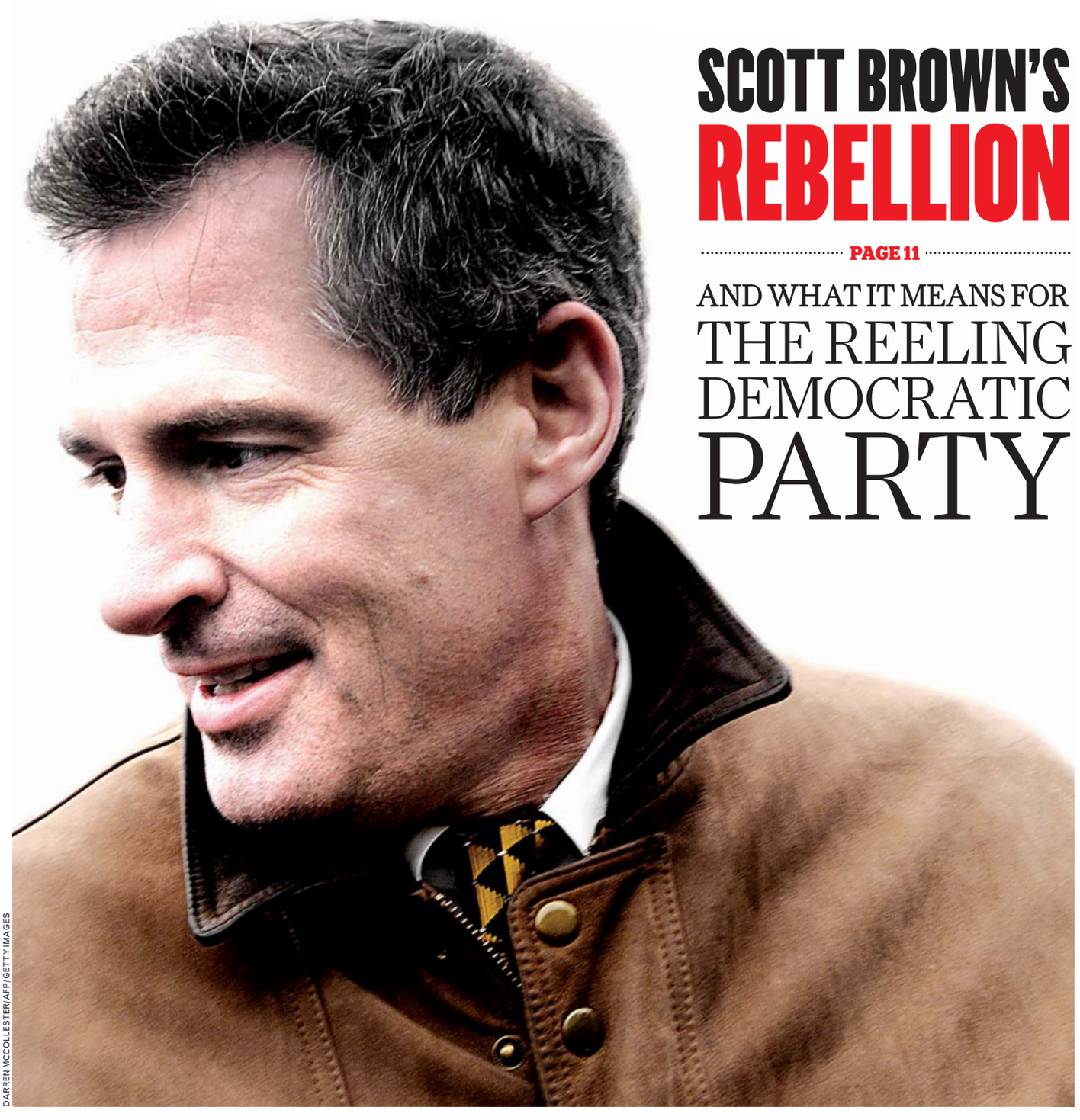

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AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE REELING DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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EYE OPENERS

Volunteer Foxes Needed to Replenish Man's Arsenal

A 36-year-old Portland, Maine, man is facing assault charges after allegedly spraying fox urine on protesters and a police officer outside his restaurant. Police said the man was arrested Sunday night after spraying a group outside the Front Room restaurant protesting labor violations. Restaurant owner Harding Lee Smith is the target of a lawsuit claiming he's been violating state and federal wage and hour laws. **(AP)**

"I love my sister. I was trying to take care of her."

— **BOBBIE J. SMITH,** A JONESVILLE, MICH., WOMAN WHO WAS CHARGED WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR ALLEGEDLY BITING OFF PART OF HER SISTER'S NOSE IN AN ARGUMENT. **(AP)**

Classic Case Of Breaking And Chillaxing

An eastern Pennsylvania man was charged after he allegedly broke into a home, cut his hair and prepared fried chicken before being discovered. The man was charged with breaking into the home in Easton, about 50 miles north of Philadelphia. According to court documents, the homeowner returned home Sunday to discover him watching TV and cooking chicken. **(AP)**

The Big Picture

RAJESH KUMAR SINGH/AP

A HINDU HOLY MAN takes a dip at Sangam, the confluence of the Ganges and Yamuna rivers on the auspicious day of Basant Pachami during the monthlong Magh Mela in Allahabad, India. Hundreds of thousands of Hindus take a bath at the confluence during this period to rid themselves of their sins and attain prosperity. **(AP)**

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Poll: Many Skeptical Of Census

Trends

With the launch of the decennial census just weeks away, nearly one in five people say they are not sure they will participate in the high-stakes head count, citing mostly a lack of interest but also a broader distrust of government.

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The number of languages being used in the ad campaign to educate the public about the 2010 census.

A poll released Wednesday by the Pew Research Center highlights the challenges as the Census Bureau prepares to begin its tally in March.

Overall, 90 percent of those surveyed called the population count "very important" or "somewhat important" for the country. Many were also familiar with the value of the census in redistributing U.S. House seats and federal aid.

Still, 12 percent of residents said they were not sure whether they would fill out the government form, and another 6 percent said they were unlikely to or definitely would not do so. These people were more likely to be young adults and lower-income people. **HOPE YEN (AP)**

Intel Chief: Terror Probe Bungled

Air bombing suspect wasn't questioned by new terrorism unit

Washington

The U.S. intelligence chief said Wednesday that the Christmas Day airline bombing suspect should have been treated as a terrorism detainee when the plane landed. That would have meant having special interrogators question him before deciding whether to place him in the civilian court system.

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab was interviewed by FBI agents when Northwest Flight 253 landed in Detroit after he allegedly tried to detonate a homemade bomb he sneaked through airport security.

Critics assert that the government should have at least considered whether to delay placing him in the civilian court system in order to press him for any useful intelligence before he gained the legal protections of a lawyer.

Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair told the Senate Homeland Security Committee that he was not consulted on whether Abdulmutallab should be questioned by the recently created High-Value Detainee Interrogation Group, or HIG, and charged in federal court.

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Intelligence Director Dennis Blair says a terrorism procedure wasn't followed.

"That unit was created exactly for this purpose," Blair said. "We did not invoke the HIG in this case. We should have."

Blair said the decision to file criminal charges against the suspect in federal court was made "on the scene."

"Seemed logical to the people there, but it should have been taken using this HIG format at a higher level," Blair said.

Under questioning by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, Blair and Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano said they were not consulted before the decision was made to not use the high-value detainee interrogation group.

Blair also said criteria for adding people to the government's "no fly" list was too legalistic. And he said that in recent years there has been pressure to shrink rather than expand the list because of a cascade of complaints from people getting "hassled" by authorities.

"Shame on us for giving in to that pressure," Blair said. **(AP)**

Vacancy at TSA

President Obama's choice to lead the Transportation Security Administration withdrew his name on Wednesday, leaving a leadership void in the critical agency. Obama had tapped Erroll Southers, above, a top official with the Los Angeles Airport Police Department, to lead the TSA, but his confirmation was blocked by Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., who said he was worried Southers would allow TSA employees to have collective bargaining rights. **(AP)**

TAKING CREDIT

Senate Democrats have proposed permitting the U.S. government to borrow an additional $1.9 trillion to pay its bills. That would permit the national debt to reach $14.3 trillion. The unpopular legislation is needed to allow the federal government to issue bonds to fund programs and prevent a first-time default on obligations to China and other Asian nations, among others. Congress has never failed to increase the borrowing limit. (AP)

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Nation

New York Times Embraces Online Fees

Publication to charge for full access to Web site starting in 2011

New York

The New York Times says it will charge readers for full access to its Web site starting in 2011, a risky move aimed at drawing more revenue online without driving away advertisers that want the biggest possible audience.

The potential pitfalls have made most other major newspapers hesitant to take a similar step. But after months of deliberation, the Times said Wednesday it will use a metered system, allowing free access to a certain number of articles and then charging users for additional content.

The Times did not disclose how many articles will be available for free or what it will charge to read more. Subscribers to the printed version of the Times would still have free access to the Web site.

It would not be the first time the newspaper has asked readers to pay for its online articles.

It charged for its Web site in 1996 but attracted only about 4,000 subscribers. Another experiment called Times Select, which required a $50 annual subscription to read Times columnists' work, drew 221,000 customers but was scrapped in 2007 because it dented ad sales. Advertisers generally pay more for higher Web traffic.

MARK LENNIHAN/AP FILE

The New York Times has experimented with paid online subscriptions in the past.

The goal of a metered system is to draw casual readers with free articles while getting fees from people who want to go deeper on the site.

The Times said it will use 2010 to build a new online infrastructure for charging readers on different platforms, not just personal computers. For instance, the newspaper can be read for free through an application on Apple's iPhone. But the Times did not specify its plans for mobile editions. ANDREW VANACORE (AP)

Salahis Invoke Fifth Amendment in Hill Testimony

Washington

White House gate-crashers Tareq and Michaele Salahi invoked their Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination Wednesday, refusing to answer a House committee's questions about their uninvited appearance at a state dinner.

The jet-setting Virginia couple repeatedly said they were remaining silent on advice of counsel, but that didn't prevent members of the Homeland Security Committee from peppering them with questions about how they got through Secret Service checkpoints on Nov. 24.

TRACY A. WOODWARD/TWP

Tareq Salahi, left, reads a statement to a House panel with his wife, Michaele.

Tareq Salahi read an opening statement in which he offered to have the couple's lawyers provide information about their appearance at the dinner for the prime minister of India. Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., rejected the offer.

A federal grand jury is investigating the Salahis to learn how they got past the Secret Service without invitations and met President Obama. LARRY MARGASAK (AP)

HEALTH

Here's a new warning from health experts: Sitting is deadly. Scientists are increasingly warning that sitting for prolonged periods — even if you also exercise — could be bad for your health. And it doesn't matter where the sitting takes place — at the office, at school, in the car or before a TV — just the overall number of hours it occurs. Several studies suggest people who spend most of their days sitting are more likely to be fat, have a heart attack or even die. (AP)

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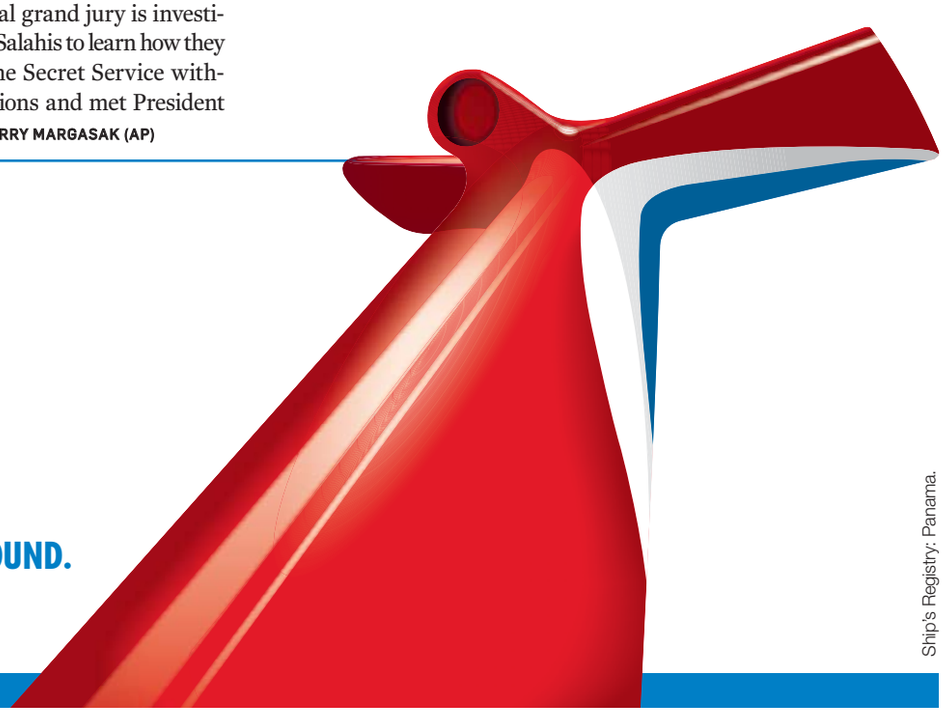

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Chris Rogers takes shelter after a severe downpour in Long Beach, Calif., Tuesday.

Series of Intense Storms Hit Calif.

Residents ordered to leave vulnerable flood zone near L.A.

California

A third powerful Pacific storm pounded California with heavy rain and snow Wednesday, forcing evacuations of hundreds of homes below wildfire-scarred mountains, shutting a major interstate and unleashing lightning strikes on two airliners.

Forecasters warned of powerful wind gusts and rainfall rates as high as 1½ inches per hour on soil already saturated from two days of wild weather that caused urban street flooding in coastal cities, spawned a damaging tornado and toppled trees, killing two people.

Despite stern pleas from authorities and door-to-door calls by officers, some residents refused to comply with evacuation orders issued for Los Angeles-area foothill communities. Police Chief Charlie Beck urged residents to flee.

"We're not doing this because your carpet is going to get wet; we're doing it because your life is at risk," Beck said.

The concern was extreme in Southern California, where vast areas scorched by wildfires have been denuded of vegetation that would normally capture or slow runoff.

Two Southwest Airlines aircraft were struck by lightning Wednesday morning after reaching their arrival gates at Burbank's Bob Hope Airport, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said. Two people on one plane reported feeling numb and were taken to a hospital, he said. JOHN ROGERS (AP)

Hearsay

"I'm looking forward to getting back on the road with my former running mate."

— **SEN. JOHN MCCAIN,** ANNOUNCING THAT SARAH PALIN WILL JOIN HIM IN MARCH FOR A CAMPAIGN RALLY IN PHOENIX. MCCAIN IS SEEKING A FIFTH TERM IN THE SENATE THIS YEAR.

World

In Brief

ECKEHARD SCHULZ/AP

Textiles found in what may be English Princess Eadgyth's coffin are examined.

LONDON

Experts May Have Found Ancient Princess' Bones

An international team of scientists say they think they've found the body of Princess Eadgyth, a 10th-century noblewoman who has been compared to Princess Diana. If the skeleton is identified as Eadgyth's, it would be oldest remains of any English royal discovered so far. **(AP)**

SANTO DOMINGO, D.R.

Hondurans, Dominicans Reach Deal on Zelaya

The Dominican government said Wednesday that it has reached a deal with Honduras to offer ousted leader Manuel Zelaya safe passage to the Dominican Republic. The deal would let Zelaya, who is in Tegucigalpa, fly to the Dominican Republic after Honduran President-elect Porfirio Lobo takes office on Jan. 27. **(AP)**

PARIS

Court: Nice Cathedral Now Belongs to Moscow

A French court ruled Wednesday that a Russian Orthodox cathedral built in Nice, on the French Riviera, nearly a century ago under Czar Nicholas II now belongs to Moscow. The ruling is the latest development in Russia's bid to obtain ownership of Orthodox edifices around the world. **(AP)**

JERUSALEM

Netanyahu: Israel Needs A Presence in West Bank

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Wednesday that Israel must have a presence in the West Bank to stop rockets from being imported even after a peace deal is achieved — the first time such a demand has been spelled out. **(AP)**

Aftershock Renews Fear in Haiti

Magnitude-5.9 tremor hits as more aid flows to quake survivors

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

A frightening new aftershock Wednesday forced more earthquake survivors to live on the capital's streets or sent them fleeing to perhaps even worse conditions in the countryside.

A flotilla of rescue vessels, meanwhile, led by the U.S. hospital ship Comfort, converged on the capital. They are helping to fill gaps in still-lagging global efforts to bring water, food and medical help to hundreds of thousands of people who are surviving in makeshift tents or simply on blankets or plastic sheets under the tropical sun.

The strongest tremor since Haiti's cataclysmic Jan. 12 earthquake struck at 6:03 a.m., just before sunrise while many were still sleeping. From the teeming plaza near the collapsed presidential palace to a hillside tent city, the 5.9-magnitude aftershock lasted only seconds but panicked thousands of Haitians.

"Jesus!" they cried as rubble tumbled and dust rose anew from government buildings around the plaza. Parents gathered up children and ran.

Up in the hills, where U.S. troops were helping thousands of homeless, people bolted from their tents screaming. Jajoute Ricardo, 24, came running from his house, fearing its collapse.

JAE C. HONG/AP

People wait in line for relief supplies at the U.S. 82nd Airborne Division's forward operating base in Port-au-Prince on Wednesday.

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The number of quake survivors who have been rescued from underneath the rubble — an unprecedented number, according to aid organizations. CNN reported that a 5-year-old boy was pulled alive from a collapsed house on Wednesday.

"Nobody will go to their house now," he said as he sought a tent of his own. "It is chaos, for real."

A slow vibration intensified into side-to-side shaking that lasted about eight seconds — compared to last week's far stronger initial quake that seemed to go on for 30 seconds.

Throngs again sought out small, ramshackle "tap-tap" buses to take them away from the city. On Port-au-Prince's beaches, more than 20,000 people looked for boats to carry them down the coast, the local Signal FM radio reported.

But the desperation may actually be deeper outside the capital, closer to last week's quake epicenter.

"We're waiting for food, for water, for anything," Emmanuel Doris-Cherie, 32, said in Leogane, 25 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince. Homeless in Leogane lived under sheets draped across tree branches, and the damaged hospital "lacks everything," Red Cross surgeon Hassan Nasreddine said.

MIKE MELIA AND PAUL HAVEN (AP)

Scientists: Haiti May Face More Strong Aftershocks for Weeks

New York

Haiti can expect more aftershocks in coming weeks, and while the usual pattern suggests they will become weaker and less frequent, another one as strong as Wednesday's 5.9-magnitude jolt is certainly possible, scientists say.

The battered nation has felt more than 45 aftershocks since the Jan. 12 quake. These events show the land is adjusting to "the new reality of the rock layers," said Bruce Pressgrave, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey.

Eric Calais of Purdue University said aftershocks could continue for several weeks and that another jolt as strong as Wednesday's temblor would not be surprising.

"They will be less and less frequent, but large ones can still strike," he said. So, buildings are still at risk, he said.

Julie Dutton, a USGS geophysicist, agreed that more aftershocks are probable. "More likely we see that the earthquakes decrease in size, but you definitely have the potential that you can have a larger earthquake," she said.

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A Haitian looks at the wreckage of a building in Port-au-Prince Wednesday.

Calais also said the fault zone responsible for last week's quake extends into the neighboring Dominican Republic. It's "somewhat of a concern to us" that the Haiti quake may have raised the chances for a quake there, he said. **(AP)**

World

Dutch Lawmaker Goes on Trial

Politician accused of anti-Muslim acts says he is innocent

Amsterdam

Dutch lawmaker Geert Wilders sat in the defendant's dock Wednesday, nodding his head as prosecutors read aloud a hundred remarks he has made condemning Islam, Muslims and immigrants — notably one comparing the Koran to Hitler's "Mein Kampf."

Wilders' criminal trial for allegedly inciting hate against Muslims has resonance across Europe: He is one of a dozen right-wing politicians on the continent who are testing the limits of freedom of speech while voicing voters' concerns about the growth of Islam.

The flamboyant politician has also called for taxing clothing commonly worn by Muslims, such as head scarves, because they "pollute" the Dutch landscape. He may be best known for the 2008 short film "Fitna," which offended Muslims around the world by juxtaposing Koranic verses with images of terrorism by Islamic radicals.

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Dutch lawmaker Geert Wilders, right, stands during a hearing in Amsterdam.

"I know the words I use are sometimes hard, but they are never impetuous," he told judges Wednesday.

"I also do not intend to hurt people's feelings. I have nothing against Muslims. I have a problem with Islam and the Islamization of our country because Islam is diametrically opposed to freedom."

His lawyer said Wilders is innocent and asked for the charges to be dismissed. Failing that, he wishes to call 17 witnesses, including Mohammed Bouyeri — the Dutch-born Muslim radical serving a sentence of life in prison for the brutal 2004 murder of filmmaker Theo van Gogh. Van Gogh had also incurred Muslim ire for a documentary criticizing Islam, and Wilders has lived under constant police protection since his killing. **TOBY STERLING (AP)**

U.K. Suspends Flights to Yemen

London

Britain's government said Wednesday it would create a new terrorist no-fly list, target specific airline passengers for tougher security checks and suspend some international flights in response to a growing terrorism threat posed by Yemen and Somalia.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown told the House of Commons he had ordered a hardening of air travel security after the failed Detroit airliner attack, as intelligence agencies' alarm grows regarding a terrorism threat in Africa and the Arabian peninsula.

Brown said Britain would expand its watch list, start full-body scans at U.K. airports next week and suspend the two weekly direct flights between the U.K. and Yemen.

Steps to tighten security follow talks between Britain's military, intelligence and border security chiefs, and talks between Brown and President Obama, both on Tuesday. **(AP)**

Hearsay

"If I appeared, I would find myself not in front of courts of justice but of firing squads."

— **SILVIO BERLUSCONI,** ITALIAN PREMIER, ON WEDNESDAY DESCRIBING WHAT HE BELIEVES WOULD HAPPEN IF HE APPEARED TO DEFEND HIMSELF IN TWO TRIALS IN MILAN.

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World

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Burned goods are seen Wednesday among the ruins of a market that was destroyed during sectarian violence in Jos, Nigeria.

Nigerian City Smolders

Outburst of sectarian violence leaves more than 200 people dead

Jos, Nigeria

Charred bodies with scorched hands reaching skyward lay in the streets, and a mosque with blackened minarets smoldered Wednesday after several days of fighting between Christians and Muslims killed more than 200 people.

Sectarian violence in this central region of Nigeria has left thousands dead in the past decade, and the latest outbreak that began Sunday came despite the government's efforts to quell extremism.

Jos was mostly calm Wednesday, though many terrified civilians kept indoors while soldiers patrolled the streets. The city is situated in Nigeria's "middle belt," where dozens of ethnic groups mingle in a band of hotly contested land separating the Muslim north from the Christian south.

There are conflicting accounts about what unleashed the bloodshed. According to the state police commissioner, skirmishes began after Muslim youths set a Christian church ablaze, but Muslim leaders denied that. Other community leaders say it began with an argument about the rebuilding of a Muslim home in a predominantly Christian neighborhood that had been destroyed in 2008.

JON GAMBRELL (AP)

Caught in the Middle

Jos — an acronym for "Jesus Our Savior" that reflects the influence of Christian missionaries — is on the dividing line between the northern half of Nigeria that is predominantly Muslim and the southern half that is mainly Christian. Tensions between the two communities have flared intermittently since independence in 1960, and political parties mirror the divide by splitting along religious lines. (CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

U.N.: No Science to Back Up Glacier Melt Warning

Geneva

A U.N. warning that Himalayan glaciers were melting faster than in any other place in the world and may be gone by 2035 was not backed up by science, U.N. climate experts said Wednesday — an admission that could energize climate change critics.

In a 2007 report, the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said the Himalayan glaciers are very likely to disappear within three decades if the present melting rate continues. But a statement from the panel now says there is not enough scientific evidence to back up those claims.

The warning in the report "refers to poorly substantiated estimates of rate of recession and date for the disappearance of Himalayan glaciers," the IPCC said. "In drafting the paragraph in question, the clear and well-established standards of evidence, required by the IPCC procedures, were not applied properly."

The glacier claim was little noticed until the Sunday Times said the projection seemed to be based on a news report. (AP)

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Bolt From a Blue State

Stunned Democrats rethink their agenda after Scott Brown's improbable win

Washington

Wounded in Massachusetts, frustrated Democrats on Wednesday urged the White House to focus on jobs and the economy, and pressed President Obama to more forcefully make their case against Republicans ahead of potentially disastrous elections this fall.

On the day after the improbable Senate election of Republican Scott Brown in Massachusetts, Obama and his Democratic Party raced to re-evaluate their midterm election strategy, adjust their health care approach and assuage an angry electorate. The embarrassing defeat to the GOP in a Democratic stronghold was a bitter end to the president's first year in office, and it triggered furious party soul-searching.

In a year of hopping from crisis to crisis, Obama told ABC News, "We lost some of that sense of speaking directly to the American people about what their core values are and why we have to make sure those institutions are matching up with those values."

At the Capitol, Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., declared, "If there's anybody in this building that doesn't tell you they are more worried about elections today, you should absolutely slap them."

Indeed, there was a grim sense among Democrats that if the GOP could win in a traditionally deeply liberal state, Massachusetts, it could probably win anywhere.

Democrats still have majority control of both the House and Senate. But Tuesday's GOP upset for the seat long held by Sen. Edward Kennedy — following Republican victories in Virginia and New Jersey last fall for Democratic-held gubernatorial seats — was a sign of serious trouble in the upcoming midterm election.

On the anniversary of his inauguration, Obama faced a need to re-evaluate both his policy and his politics in a White House stunned by a shift in the mood of the electorate from just a year earlier. Voters were hopeful and supportive then. They are cranky and belligerent now.

"The same thing that swept Scott Brown into office swept me into office. People are angry, and they're frustrated," Obama said.

Republicans, for their part, reveled in Brown's victory. They have found what they believe is a surefire recipe for GOP candidates to win against a popular president — focus on opposition to his policies, downplay overtly political Republican ties, and embrace voter anger with populist appeals.

Brown portrayed his victory as less a referendum on Obama or health care reform and more of a sign that people are tired of Washington politics and dealmaking.

He said his victory sends "a very powerful message that business-as-usual is just not going to be the way we do it." LIZ SODOTI (AP)

CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Republican Scott Brown, left, celebrates with his family Tuesday after winning one of Massachusetts' seats in the U.S. Senate.

"I WOULD ADVISE THAT WE TRY TO MOVE QUICKLY TO COALESCE AROUND THOSE ELEMENTS IN THE [HEALTH CARE] PACKAGE THAT PEOPLE AGREE ON."

President Obama, urging Democrats to scale back their health care ambitions now that they no longer have 60 votes in the Senate.

Time to Reboot

Every new U.S. president reaches a point in his term when the agenda he brought with him to office no longer applies. For President Obama, Jan. 20, 2010, may mark the beginning of a new and difficult phase in his presidency. With Scott Brown's victory in the Massachusetts Senate race, the future of the president's legislative agenda has become much less certain.

1 HEALTH CARE REFORM

Health care reform is in big trouble. There are maneuvers Democrats could use to try to ram legislation through despite losing their filibuster-proof 60-seat Senate majority. But in the wake of Democrat Martha Coakley's crushing loss, some moderate Democrats already are expressing reluctance to take any drastic steps, and there are signs the coalition for passing the bill may be irreparably damaged.

2 CAP-AND-TRADE

Obama's ambitious proposal for cap-and-trade regulation of carbon emissions, meant to combat climate change, is now likely to be stalled indefinitely. Cap-and-trade always faced a steep uphill climb, as it would constitute a massive change in national policy, and Democrats will likely need 60 votes (and thus at least one Republican) to pass any element of the plan.

3 JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

So, what initiatives will the White House pursue? Indications are that Obama may pivot from nation-changing proposals to a more populist agenda focused on jobs and other aspects of the economy. Obama's first State of the Union address on Wednesday could be his chance to offer a new road map for his party. (CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

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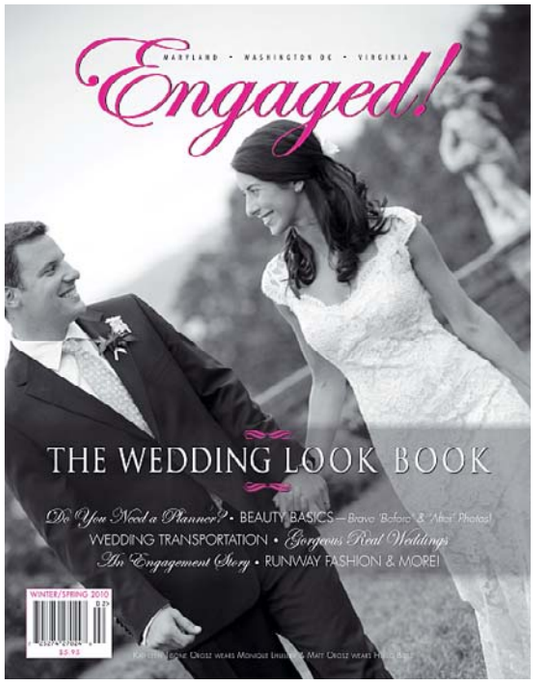

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Tragedy in Appomattox

Police say alleged Va. gunman knew 8 shooting victims

Appomattox, Va.

A man suspected of shooting eight people to death at a rural Virginia home and then firing at a police helicopter surrendered Wednesday after an overnight manhunt, but authorities were saying little about the victims or a motive.

Sgt. Thomas Molnar said 39-year-old Christopher Speight approached officers at the scene of the shootings and turned himself in at about 7:10 a.m. He was wearing a bulletproof vest but carried no weapons, authorities said.

Speight was taken to an undisclosed location to be interviewed, and charges were pending. Authorities said Speight had lived in the house and was a co-owner. They said he was acquainted with the victims, but details of the relationships weren't released.

"We are still interviewing him, and it's going to take hours to process the crime scene," State Police spokeswoman Corinne Geller said. She called it "a horrific tragedy ... definitely one of the worst mass killings in Virginia, probably since the Virginia Tech tragedy in 2007."

STEVE HELBER/AP

Christopher Speight, second from right, surrendered to Virginia police Wednesday.

The drama began around noon Tuesday when a man was spotted barely alive along the side of a narrow country road. The man died on the way to the hospital.

A deputy who answered the emergency call heard more gunshots, and seven other men and women were found dead inside and outside a nearby home.

The search had paralyzed the rural area near Appomattox, best known as the place where Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant in 1865 to end the Civil War. Four nearby schools serving about 2,000 students had planned to stay closed for the day before Speight surrendered. (AP)

"We've never had a tragedy like this in Appomattox. Typical of small towns, everybody suffers when something like this happens."

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Michael Brown Mulls Challenge to D.C. Mayor Fenty

Washington

Council member Michael Brown, I-At Large, sure sounded like a man preparing to run for mayor at his lunchtime media roundtable Wednesday. Brown, who was first elected to the council in 2008, said he would consider taking on Mayor Adrian Fenty in a general election contest if Council Chairman Vincent Gray, a Democrat, decides not to get in the race — or is unsuccessful in a Democratic primary bid in September.

Brown

Over shrimp salad, Brown cautioned that he would not make any decision until Gray makes up his mind. But Brown said he is undaunted by the $3 million Fenty has raised for his bid for a second term.

"Three million is a lot, but I don't think that will be the determining factor," he said.

Brown criticized Fenty's governing style for what he said was a lack of transparency and accountability. **ANN MARIMOW (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

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Capital Beltway rush-hour backups were calculated to total 31 hours per week.

For Area Drivers, It Could Be Worse

Study ranks Beltway as the third-worst freeway in the U.S.

Washington

One of the nation's most studied and reviled roadways — the often creeping, crawling, sometimes deadly Capital Beltway around Washington — has been determined by yet another yardstick to be, simply put, a lousy place to drive.

Sitting at the hub of what ranks as the second-most-congested region in the country, the Beltway itself has now been ranked as the third-worst freeway in America using data from INRIX, a traffic information company that compiles statistics on traffic flow from sources including the GPS devices used primarily by truck drivers.

"The Beltway is a pretty straight shot through much of Prince George's, but after that there's a fair amount of curving and twisting that contributes to traffic build-up," said Lon Anderson, a spokesman for AAA.

The solace for Beltway drivers is that their headaches seem relatively minor when compared with the two worst freeways.

Capital Beltway rush-hour backups were calculated to total 31 hours per week when traffic crawled along at an average 21.2 mph. The Lunalilo in Honolulu racked up 36 weekly hours at 16.4 mph, and the Hollywood Freeway totaled a whopping 77 hours at 14 mph.

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Match 5 (Tues.)	1-2-4-15-30 (10)

Virginia

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Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	1-6-6
Mid-day Pick 4	3-8-1-7
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	5-8-6-0
Mid-day Cash 5	8-20-24-27-28
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	3-6-17-21-30

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Evening DC 4 (Tues.)	4-2-6-4
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This sight of goaltender Semyon Varlamov's head slouched over during the Penguins' Game 7 rout of the Capitals is one Washington has tried to forget this season.

Not Just Another Game for Caps

7:30 P.M. | CSN
Thursday

The Capitals

Many in the Washington Capitals' locker room are like defenseman Shaone Morrisonn, who claims he has yet to watch his team's Game 7 collapse against the Pittsburgh Penguins in last year's Stanley Cup playoffs. Others are like coach Bruce Boudreau, who said the first time he tried to watch film of the Capitals' anticlimactic, season-ending 6-2 defeat, he had to turn off the TV after one Penguin goal.

Then there's captain and superstar Alex Ovechkin, who went back to Russia after the Capitals were eliminated and didn't pay attention to the Stanley Cup playoffs again until a friend awoke him one morning in St. Petersburg to break the news that the Penguins had won a thrilling Stanley Cups Finals over the Detroit Red Wings.

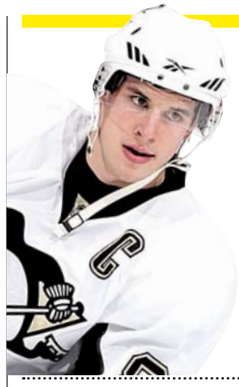
"Jesus ... maybe we could have been there, too," said Ovechkin of the "What if?" scenarios that ran through his mind. "I was disappointed."

With these two rivals meeting Thursday for the first time since that epic playoff series in Pittsburgh, the Capitals have been forced to confront perhaps the franchise's most demoralizing playoff loss ever. Not even the Capitals are saying this is just another game.

"It's a big game; we have history with them," said Morrisonn. "[Game 7] hurts throughout the summer, but you're not gonna just forget something like that."

Already, the script for another memorable chapter in this rivalry seems to be in the works. The Capitals are atop the Eastern Conference with 68 points through 49 games, with the Penguins close behind in fourth. Just in the past week, Ovechkin tied a career high with five points in a 6-1 win over Toronto only to watch Sidney Crosby one-up him with a six-point game Tuesday against the Islanders.

There's also the fact that the Capitals have yet to play the Penguins this season. That means, starting Thursday, the NHL's best rivalry will take to the ice four times over the season's final 33 games. MARK GIANNOTTO



Sidney Crosby 2.0

Sid the playmaking kid has become one of the NHL's premier goal-scorers — a product of a productive off-season in which he focused on shooting more than passing and finally switched to a livelier composite stick. After his six-point performance Wednesday, Crosby is second in the league in goals scored with 32 — two more than Alex Ovechkin. The Caps' star had 56 goals last season to Crosby's 33 — and Crosby has never tallied more than 39 in one year. (AP)

PITCHMEN

Landon Donovan is so famous in Mexico that he's appearing in a new TV commercial for a product he'd never be promoting in the United States — gambling on a football lottery. In the ad, the U.S. soccer star dons a huge sombrero and a bushy, stick-on mustache as part of his disguise to look like a peasant desperate to play the lottery. But a border guard sees through the ruse, snatches away Donovan's lottery ticket and sends him back to the U.S. (AP)

BOB LEVEY/GETTY IMAGES

Kyle Shanahan is leaving Houston.

Shanahan Taps Son for Offense

The Redskins

New Redskins coach Mike Shanahan didn't have to look far to find his offensive coordinator.

As had been expected since he replaced Jim Zorn in Washington, Shanahan officially named his son, Kyle Shanahan, to run Washington's offense. Also named to positions in Wednesday's announcement were quarterbacks coach Matt LaFleur and tight ends coach Jon Embree.

Kyle Shanahan served as the Houston Texans' offensive coordinator the past two seasons. Last year, Houston led the NFL in passing yards and ranked fourth in total offense. (EXPRESS)

TV Lineup

CAPITALS (7:30 P.M., CSN) Alex Ovechkin and Sidney Crosby face off for the first time this year when the Caps visit the Pittsburgh Penguins.

NBA (8:15 P.M. AND 10:30 P.M., TNT) The Lakers visit the Cavaliers in what could possibly be an NBA Finals preview, followed by the Nuggets' hosting the Clippers.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN AND ESPN2; 9 P.M., ESPN; 10:30 P.M., CSN) Louisville should have no trouble with Seton Hall, and Big 10 also-rans Indiana and Penn State square off; Florida seeks a road win at Arkansas; and Washington hopes to add to UCLA's woes.

TENNIS (9 P.M., ESPN2) Third-round action at the Australian Open.

No-Name Field Vies for Olympics

Top skaters at U.S. nationals lack star power of past years

Figure Skating

In Olympic years, the U.S. figure skating national championships typically pit a pair of celebrated young women in a gripping drama as each seeks to exit the trials as the Olympic gold medal favorite. Recall Tonya vs. Nancy. Michelle vs. Tara. Sasha vs. Michelle.

This year's event, however, has all the makings of a scrum rather than a prize fight. First names are not applicable, because many folks who tune in to this weekend's championships in Spokane, Wash., likely will have never heard of the majority of the top skaters in the field. The only widely recognizable star, Olympic silver medalist Sasha Cohen, also carries the largest question mark: She has not competed since 2006.

Forecasting a championships populated by a host of promising but largely unproven and inconsistent young women might be as difficult as making the team. And it's worth noting that it will be harder to make the team than usual. Mired in a three-year slump, the United States earned only two spots — instead of its usual three — for the Winter Games in Vancouver, B.C.

RICK BOWMER/AP

Alexandria's Ashley Wagner was fourth in last year's Grand Prix Final in Tokyo.

So, who will prevail this weekend? Cohen? Alexandria's Ashley Wagner, 18, who soared to fourth place at last year's Grand Prix Final in Tokyo but fell apart in the short program of the 2009 U.S. championships? Rachael Flatt, 17, who placed higher than any other American — fifth — at last year's world championships?

"We're all so close," Wagner said. "Right now, I think it's best that we don't have one skater that you know is going to make it."

AMY SHIPLEY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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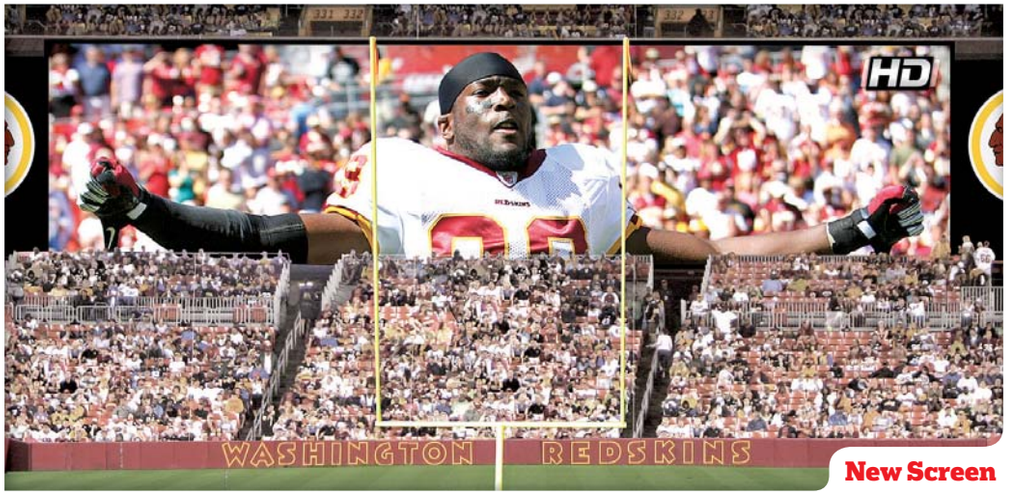

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Old Screen

WHO KNOWS WHETHER THE REDSKINS will look better on the field under Mike Shanahan, but owner Dan Snyder is taking steps to ensure the team will appear sharper on FedEx Field's scoreboards. Washington announced it's installing new "punter-proof" video screens — a jab at the Dallas Cowboys' enormous video board — behind the end zones next year (a rendering is seen above). The 100-foot-wide high-definition LED displays will be triple the size of the old screens, seen below. For Dan Steinberg's take on the screen, and to vote on what else the stadium needs, see **washingtonpost.com/sports**

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Sports

Coach Who Built Gonzaga Into a Power Dies

Fitzgerald recruited Stockton, laid path for NCAA success

Obituary

Dan Fitzgerald, the coach who built Gonzaga into a basketball power but resigned before the school began its current run of NCAA tournaments, has died at the age of 67.

Fitzgerald collapsed Tuesday evening in a restaurant. He was pronounced dead at Deaconness Medical Center in Spokane. The cause of death was not immediately released.

Fitzgerald recruited John Stockton to campus, took the Zags to their first NCAA tournament in 1995, and built the coaching staff of Mark Few, Dan Monson and Bill Grier that has put the Zags in every NCAA tournament since the 1999 season. Fitzgerald was 252-171 as coach from 1978 to 1997 and also served as athletic director.

JEFF T. GREEN/AP

Dan Fitzgerald resigned before Gonzaga rose to basketball prominence.

"He was an unforgettable personality," Stockton told The Spokesman-Review. "He was loyal — incredibly loyal — above all."

Fitzgerald stepped down in December 1997 after a school investigation determined he had been collecting and spending some athletic department funds without the knowledge of the university controller's office, a possible violation of NCAA rules. Fitzgerald contended that none of the money went to players or into his own pocket. **(AP)**

Hearsay

"Tiger should actually come out in public before, and not at a golf tournament."

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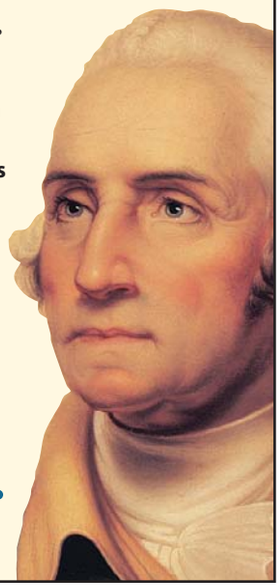

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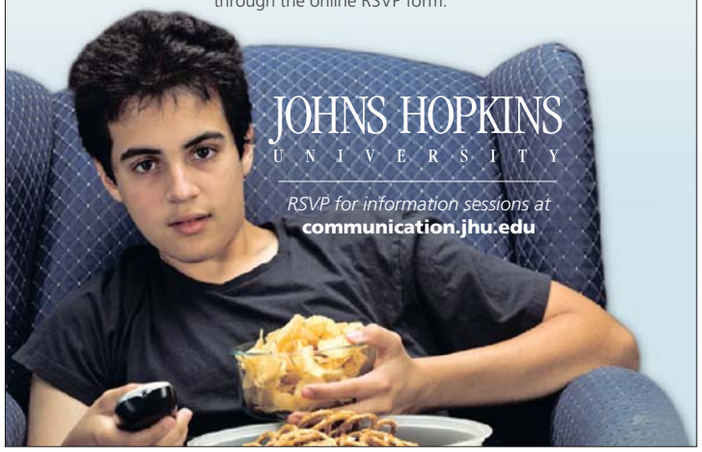

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Mike Daisey performs with nothing more than a table, some papers and a glass of water, but his long-form monologues cover all the ground of a large-scale production.

In his newest work, "The Last Cargo Cult," Daisey tackles America's relationship with money through his arsenal of personal anecdotes and cultural hypotheses. To gain insight into the topic, he visited an indigenous "cargo cult" on a remote island in the South Pacific that reveres America and its bounty of high-tech goods.

When and how did you get the idea to go to the island?

All of my works develop differently, but for this one the generative moment was very dramatic. It was November 2008 and I was doing a production in New York, another of my monologues. I stayed up very late, because after I do a show I can't sleep afterwards. I was surfing the Web and I came across an article about [the island's annual festival of America called] John Frum Day. I was really into cargo cults and had studied them for a number of years. But reading about John Frum Day and specifically reading about it in the moment that the financial collapse was unfolding — it was literally at that moment that I realized I had to go to the island.

At this point, did you already have it in your head that you wanted to study the cultural meaning of money?

I knew that it certainly would be about economics. I knew that one would illuminate the other, but I wasn't sure what each one would unveil about the other.

During the show, you recount a lot of incongruous stories – from your trip to the island to your car accident in the Hamptons. How did you approach combining these elements?

Parts were consciously mediated from the beginning, and parts were chosen by the subconscious and worked with and gone over again and again between myself and my collaborator, Jean-Michele Gregory. Sometimes stories appear to us and hang in the air and it's not always clear what the meaning of those stories are for us. It takes awhile. There are no stories that are in the show by accident.

You've described your show as an extemporaneous monologue. How much does the show vary from night to night?

It is extemporaneous; it's built from the outline I keep in front of me. It's hard to say how much it varies from night to night. Last night's show had a number of musings because my collaborator and I had a notes session and discussed different aspects of things that had come to fruition in the first couple days. As the show settles in any particular run, it'll start changing words. But any given night, the wording will shift and bend. It's just like anyone telling a story.

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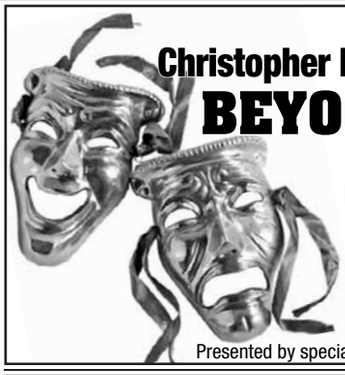

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The Laughing Man's Thinker

Steven Wright takes a cockeyed view of life's absurdities

Comedy

That's one old pony. Steven Wright released his Grammy-nominated debut comedy album, "I Have a Pony," in 1986, but it took more than two decades to release a follow-up, which, of course, is titled "I Still Have a Pony." Is it the same pony? If so, why hasn't it grown into a horse? So many questions.

During those 20 years, Wright kept busy with bit parts in TV shows and movies ("Reservoir Dogs," "Natural Born Killers" and other comedies), and he won an Oscar for his 1988 short film "The Appointments of Dennis Jennings." He also creates minimalist paintings and records fittingly odd songs.

But he never stopped doing stand-up — or, rather, having bizarre thoughts and expressing them in the world's deadest pan. His facial expression is blank; his inflection a monotone. He makes his complete lack of stage presence into a kind of stage presence that's both riveting and appropriate to his material. Sample: "I have an existential map. It has 'You are here' written all over it."

His economical style, which treats one-liners like haiku and eschews such niceties as audience engagement and transitions, distinguished him in the 1980s, when comedians like Sam Kinison and Bobcat Goldthwait created loud, larger-than-life personae.

Wright looms large over stand-up today, informing the mind-benders of Mitch Hedberg, the cutesy dryness of Demetri Marton and the low-low-key wit of Eugene Mirman. His appeal has proved to be just as durable as that pony of his.

STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

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Steven Wright is known for humor that ponders the imponderables of life.

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No Identity Crisis Here

Don't blame Jeff Dunham; the ventriloquist's little friends are the rude ones

Comedy

Jeff Dunham's stage show starts out as most comics' do, with a short stand-up set. That changes when he unloads boxes that surround him, and Dunham's quiet persona transforms into those of his filthy-minded politically incorrect dummies, er, ventriloquial figures.

Achmed the Dead Terrorist got his start in D.C. in Dunham's 2007 "Spark of Insanity" TV special filmed at the Warner Theatre. It's the character that became a YouTube sensation with 200 million hits — the fourth-most-watched online video ever — and turned Dunham into the world's first superstar ventriloquist.

Achmed — a bearded, furry-eyebrowed character who tries to act tough despite being all bones — gets frustrated when the audience laughs at his vain attempts to terrify, shouting, "Silence! I kill you." Achmed is an incompetent suicide bomber whose explosives suffer "premature detonation." When asked about his skeletal appearance, he replies, "It's just a flesh wound." To get through airport security, Achmed just says he's Lindsey Lohan.

Part of the humor arises from how the characters' carefully crafted appearances immediately telegraph their provenance and attitudes — we give you Bubba J, Dunham's resident "redneck." Once the visuals have been established, the performer is free to provoke and intensify that attitude. And it gets pretty intense: "Each character is me, just exaggerated beyond the socially acceptable point for anyone living outside a suitcase."

Dunham himself has become a polarizing figure. Ventriloquism has never been fully embraced by the comedy community, and for every laudatory review — Slate says he's "America's favorite comedian," although that may have been a slap at us, not him — there is scathing criticism. The Washington Post called his recently cancelled "The Jeff Dunham Show" "deadeningly unfunny," and the Chicago Sun-Times called for his viewers to "destroy all the puppets in your home." Ouch.

MICHAEL BURR/PICTURE GROUP

Dunham with Bubba J, whose every detail, from buck teeth to peeking undies, telegraphs information.

While not all of his characters have been well received in the mainstream, they are adored by Dunham's fans. Those attending Dunham's Verizon Center show on Thursday night will hear from Walter, a Vietnam vet curmudgeon with crossed arms. When Dunham mentions that "Girls Gone Wild" was shot in Fort Lauderdale, Walter replies, "That's only during spring break. The rest of the year, it's 'Girls Gone Saggy.' Then it's 'Girls Gone Senile.' Then it's just 'Girls Gone.'"

Expect José Jalapeño on a Stick, a mustachioed, sombrero-wearing talking pepper that's unhappy about being on stick. He doesn't enjoy skiing with the other puppets because, he laments, "I had to snowboard."

Peanut is a hyperactive Muppet-like purple-skinned "woozle" with white fur on most of his fuzzy body. Peanut asks Dunham if he has ever done drugs, which he denies. Peanut then asks, "How the hell did you come up with me?"

Nothing here is going to explode the boundaries of performance. Add to these mild, personality-based gags the stigma of ventriloquism as musty, corny children's entertainment and it's hard to fathom that one of America's most popular comics is a ventriloquist. (He's the third-highest-earning comedian in the United States behind Jerry Seinfeld and Chris Rock.) But Dunham is tapping into something.

> **"Each character is me, just exaggerated beyond the socially acceptable point for anyone living outside a suitcase."**

"I realized early on that the ventriloquism needed to be just a vehicle for the comedy," the Dallas native said. "It couldn't be the focus of the act. In other words, I needed to focus on the material and the jokes and keep people laughing. The ventriloquism just happened to be my instrument."

Dunham has come a long way from the days of performing at any place that would have him — churches, banquet halls, a Six Flags amusement park, and heck, even a TV commercial for a local Datsun car dealership. (The name Datsun, now Nissan to you kids, is the only clue that the youthfully handsome and confident performer is 48.) After the completion of his 60-city tour, Dunham is planning on shooting another one-hour Comedy Central special, and his autobiography "All by My Selves Walter, Peanut, Achmed and Me," will be published this spring.

"To me, hard work which results in success at the end is always fun and exciting. More than half the fun of the race is getting to the finish line." **ALFREDO FLORES**

● *Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW; Thu., 7:30 p.m., $46.50; 202-397-7328. (Gallery Place)*

Wide Awake Dreaming

Freelance Whales create ethereal pop suitable for the most active unconscious

Music

Dream-journaling should come with a warning.

For Freelance Whales founder Judah Dadone, charting his slumbering conscious led to awkward Craigslist encounters — including a 50-year-old man posing as a 23-year-old girl — busking in New York City train stations, the creation of feathery pop music and a record deal. Not the typical route to success, but who's complaining?

The George Washington University, grad brought along his dream logs when he moved to New York to write music.

"I used the dreams as a starting point, this one of walking around in my childhood home" said Dadone. "The biggest theme on the record is this idea of the movement and motion of energy from one body to another."

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Banjos and synthesizers, gentle folk and angular electro-pop all coexist within the Freelance Whales' adventurous sound.

But these were just fragments, so Dadone posted demos online and asked if anyone wanted to "interact with this sound." Sifting through applicants got a little strange, but Dadone finally found four like-minded artists.

"I wanted people who would approach music where it was a sort of playroom. Where you walk in and there are 13 instruments set up and five people and you're willing to walk over and play whatever the music wants you to play."

That music turned into "Weathervanes," a lush collection of echo-filled compositions that tinkle and swell underneath Dadone's sweet vocals and tested — harmonium and donation box in tow — on street corners.

"We didn't want to have to beg our friends to come out to shows," said Dadone. "It was important that we find some type of practical, direct way of getting out and meeting people and having some sort of genuine first experience. ... It's not noble to play a show on a stage for seven people when you can meet 1,000 people in five hours."

> **"I wanted people who would approach music where it was sort of a playroom."**
>
> — **JUDAH DADONE,** FOUNDER AND SONGWRITER OF FREELANCE WHALES

The band earned ears in the crowded boroughs and a spot with the French Kiss/Mom+Pop label, which will be re-releasing "Weathervanes" on March 16.

"Oh, and we paid for our rehearsal studio space with the money," laughed Dadone.

NATHAN MARTIN (EXPRESS)

● *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW, Thu., 8:30 p.m., $12, 202-667-4490, blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

A Theory in Practice

Get ready to espouse Eclectic collective Cornel West Theory

Local Heroes

The Cornel West Theory isn't just a hip-hop band, says Yvonne Gilmore, one of the D.C.-based group's members. As a poet, ordained minister and spiritual base for the band, Gilmore says the group is really more of "the anti-brand."

"We're really trying to honor the fullness of the different things that we bring to the table," she said. "And we create a sound that is just complex — and yet it works."

Since 2004, the six-person band named after Princeton professor Dr. Cornel West has created multi-layered music that draws from West's musings and incorporates rapping, spoken-word and storytelling elements. And with a show at the Black Cat Friday night, a mix tape coming out in February and a tour of the East Coast, the Cornel West Theory is ready to bring its sound to a larger stage.

COURTESY THE CORNEL WEST THEORY

The Washington-based group incorporates the musings of Dr. West into its music.

"Nobody else is making seven-minute songs, and it's like, 'Are people going to feel this?'" Gilmore says. "And in the end, we're just pretty content with being like, 'Well, we'll see.'"

Their association with West doesn't hurt — he was at Theory's album release party in D.C. last fall, and the band supported him at an event at Busboys and Poets. The group is trying to organize a tour that aligns with his "profoundly busy" schedule, Gilmore says.

"We try to give space for people to retain and pick up and enjoy what's going on. You'll leave with not just sounds to rock with, but also with ideas and images."

ROXANA HADADI

● *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; with Hume, Imperial China, Buildings Big Gold Belt; Fri., 9 p.m., $12; 202-667-4490. (U St.-Cardozo)*

Subtle Hints

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THINGS HAPPENED: "Memory Meets Imagination Halfway" in Adam De Boer's show of paintings at the D.C. Arts Center. The work captures quiet moments that look mundane but are fraught with mystery.

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TWP ARCHIVES

Ann-Margret and Elvis Presley get down '60s-style in "Viva Las Vegas."

Thenkyuhverymuch

The National Portrait Gallery is all shook up over Elvis Presley this month — make that this year. In addition to its two portrait exhibitions — "One Life: Echoes of Elvis," currently up, and "Elvis at 21: Photographs by Alfred Wertheimer," opening in October — the gallery is hosting a Saturday Elvis-palooza. "Elvis Is in the Building" is a day of book readings, art workshops, a costume contest, an exhibit tour and, uh, a "tribute," capped off by a 5 p.m. screening of the 1964 classic "Viva Las Vegas" staring two impossibly pretty people. ► *National Portrait Gallery, 8th & F streets NW; "One Life" through Aug. 22; "Elvis Is in the Building" event Sat., 11:30 a.m-7 p.m., free; 202-633-1000, npg.si.edu. (Metro Center)*

It's Neue to You

How do you say, "Now this I gotta see!" in German? The Goethe-Institut revs up its annual showcase of German-language cinema on Friday (screening at Landmark's E Street Cinema) with a wealth of cinematic gems from Austria and Germany. The films on tap include historical drama, something involving Bollywood-style dance numbers, low-key comedy and a biography of 11th-century mystic abbess and composer Hildegard von Bingen starring Fassbinder muse Barbara Sukowa. ► *E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; opens Fri., through Jan. 28, $10 per movie; more for closing and opening night screenings and parties; landmark theatres.com. (Metro Center)*

Spike Lee's Broadway Party

'Passing Strange' explores the black experience with an explosion of song

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COURTESY IFC

Director Spike Lee turned his camera on the final Broadway production of the rousing rock opera "Passing Strange."

The first and really the only sign that "Passing Strange" is a Spike Lee joint comes in the very first scene, when the director opens in downtown New York, outside the Belasco Theater on Broadway. The film stock is grainy, the streets crowded and cluttered, and sirens can be heard off in the distance.

But once the camera moves inside the theater, Lee hands the reins over to the one-named Stew, master of ceremonies for the stage production of "Passing Strange." The visual and musical artist co-wrote the award-winning autobiographical rock opera with Heidi Rodewald, then brought it to Broadway in 2008. Lee chronicled the last show for the IFC channel, which is releasing it on DVD.

"Passing Strange" opens with his character, Youth (Daniel Breaker), as a teenager in South Central Los Angeles, hounded by his single mother to go to church. There, he has a religious epiphany not about God, but about music.

He becomes obsessed with all forms of musical expression and embarks on a picaresque journey that takes him from his church basement, where he forms a punk band, to the squats of Amsterdam and Berlin, where he explores sex and drugs and launches avant-garde art projects. As Youth proclaims, "Life is a mistake that only art can correct."

Lee captures the energy of the production with a swooping, darting camera, and he edits to make the small stage seem large and boundless — essentially removing it from the Belasco altogether and highlighting the physicality of the performances.

The cast is small but tireless, and except for Breaker and Eisa Davis as Youth's mother, the actors play multiple roles each. As a result, the stage buzzes with activity, especially during the show's finale, which seemingly breaks from the script for an impromptu jam that is genuinely cathartic for a final show.

STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 Avatar: James Cameron has proven his penchant for melding spectacle and old-fashioned storytelling. Here, he delivers an ambitious, immersive cinematic experience. **ANN HORNADAY**

2 The Book of Eli: This hyper-violent, post-apocalyptic Western starring Denzel Washington can't make up its mind whether it wants to be corny or misanthropic. **MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN**

3 The Lovely Bones: The balance of tone of Alice Sebold's book on which this movie is based is sacrificed for a shapeless, overlong, mawkishly muddled pop-up illustration of a movie. **(AH)**

4 Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel: Director Betty Thomas manages this middlebrow mayhem with a suitably light touch; this "Squeakquel" just squeaks by. **(MO)**

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Denzel Washington offers the audience a stick, apparently, in "The Book of Eli."

5 Sherlock Holmes: With a dash of Bond, a pinch of Batman and a sprinkling of kung fu, Guy Ritchie tries so hard to make sure this isn't your father's "Sherlock Holmes" that it comes across as cartoonish. **(MO)**

6 The Spy Next Door: Here's another lazily kid-pleasing comedy about a man (Jackie Chan) unprepared for fatherhood who's suddenly saddled with children who hate his guts. **(MO)**

7 It's Complicated: The romantic comedy about a divorced couple having an affair is both light on its feet and heavy enough to deliver a message. **(MO)**

8 Leap Year: This romantic comedy starring Amy Adams as a rich, neurotic New York woman who falls for a surly rube is a retread of just about every one of the genre's cliches. **(MO)**

9 The Blind Side: Grounded in the direct, disarming truth of the characters' experience, the movie has a straightforward lack of cheap sentiment that saves it from being too maudlin. **(AH)**

10 Up in the Air: George Clooney is at the peak of his physical attractiveness, technical chops and instinctive ease in this timeless movie that's utterly of its time — a movie of humor, heart and mind. **(AH)**

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1 The Mighty Jungle

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4 The Color of Patriotism

"For Love of Liberty: The Story of America's Black Patriots" may be only 40 minutes long, but this excerpt from an upcoming PBS documentary will be as information-packed as it is inspiring. The world premiere is presented by the National Museum of African American History and Culture. ➜ *American History Museum, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; Tue., 6:30 p.m., free; 202-633-1000. (Smithsonian)*

5 Get Down; Do Good

Fort Knox Recording and Blisspop wasted no time planning a helping hand for Haiti. On Sunday night at Modern, all proceeds from the slightly less-than-tastefully named "Party & Funkin' 4 Haiti" will be donated to the international Red Cross. Bliss dance party DJ Will Eastman will be joined by DJ Stylus, Fort Knox Five, Nadastrom and a "special guest," so bring your dancing shoes and plan to stay awhile. ➜ *Modern, 3287 M St. NW; Sun., 9 p.m.-2 a.m., $10 suggested donation; blisspop.com.*

3 The Medal Goes Where?

Burlesque demands an athlete's strength and dexterity, not to mention an ice dancer's way with the audience. Why, burlesque as a competitive sport is the logical next step. On Saturday, the Battle of the Burlesque Stars comes to Palace of Wonders. Under the direction of team captain Clams Casino, pictured, the stars will compete in striptease categories including ... oh, looky there, we're out of room. ➜ *Palace of Wonders, 1210 H St. NE; Sat., 10 p.m., $10; 202-398-7469.*

top stops WEEKEND

2 No, You Look ... Fine

The music of six-piece band the Uglysuit may be unclassifiable — our own concise description is "dreamy neo-folk with shoegaze tendencies and a psychedelic twist" — but it's storming the indie-rock world. Audiences and critics spent the past two years being won over by these Oklahoma City boys' earnest music and warm live performances. Our turn comes on Sunday, when the 'Suit plays DC9 with Still Life Still and SEAS. ➜ *DC9, 1940 9th St. NW; Sun., 9 p.m., $7; 202-483-9000, dcnine.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

the scene

Sound

THURSDAY

9:30 Club: Thievery Corporation, 8 p.m., sold out.
Black Cat: We Are Scientists, Uninhabitable Mansions, 8 p.m., $17; Freelance Whales, Animal Tropical, Faces on Film, 8:30 p.m., $12 (backstage).
Blues Alley: Otis Taylor, 8 &10 p.m., $27.50.
DC9: Typefighter, 9 p.m., $8.
Iota: Locksley, 9 p.m., $10.
Jammin' Java: Peter Mulvey, Jeffrey Foucault, 7:30 p.m., $15.
Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage: Andrew Shapiro, 6 p.m., free.
Velvet Lounge: The Potentials, 9 p.m., $8; Jackie and the Treehorns, Lonnie Walker, 10 p.m., $8.

FRIDAY

9:30 Club: Thievery Corporation, 8 p.m., sold out.
Birchmere: 24th Annual WFMA Benefit Weekend, 7:30 p.m., $48.50-$84.
Black Cat: The Cornel West Theory, Hume, Imperial China, Buildings, Big Gold Belt, 9 p.m., $12.
Blues Alley: Gene Bertoncini Trio, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.
DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., $7.
HR-57: Antonio Parker Quartet, 9 p.m., $12.
Iota: Haiti Benefit Concert, 8 p.m., donation.
Jammin' Java: Enter the Haggis, Adam Ezra Group, 8 p.m., $15.
The Red and the Black: Little Bigheart, the Wilderbeast, 9 p.m., $8.
Rock and Roll Hotel: Tone, Gifts from Enola, Dark Sea Dream, 9 p.m., $10.
Twins Jazz: Luis Faife Quartet, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.
Velvet Lounge: Ra Ra Rasputin, Bellflur, Savoir Adore, 10 p.m., $8.
Wolf Trap: Paul Cebar & the Milwaukeeans, 8 p.m., $20.

SATURDAY

9:30 Club: Thievery Corporation, 8 p.m., sold out.
Black Cat: Two Tears, Eyes of the Killer Robot, the Electricutions, 9 p.m., $10;

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22 FRI ★ An Evening for Haiti
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23 SAT ★ Tommy Cecil Trio
Vintage pop and jazz tunes.

24 SUN ★ John Jensen Quartet
The jazz trombonist, a member of the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra, performs frequently with his Quartet on the East Coast.

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25 MON ★ Euan Morton
To celebrate the 251st anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, the Scottish actor/singer performs his one man show, *Burns' Night in America*.

26 TUE ★ Tyler Sieh
The Technical Sergeant, a violist with the United States Air Force Strings, leads a chamber ensemble.

27 WED ★ Blackbirds and Bullets
The sextet combines jazz improvisation with rhythmic, harmonic, and melodic influences from Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia.

28 & 29 THU & FRI ★ Songwriters: The Next Generation
Emerging songwriters and composers, including Danny Rivera and Nick Howard on the 28th and Linda Oh and Devon Sproule on the 29th, discuss and perform their own songs.
Presented by The ASCAP Foundation and made possible by the Bart Howard Estate.

30 SAT ★ Trachy/Lacy Collective
The jazz ensemble is led by saxophonist Seth Trachy and drummer Russell Lacy, both *Betty Carter's Jazz Ahead* alumni.

31 SUN ★ Chaise Lounge
Six top Washington area jazz musicians play an eclectic mix of original songs and re-arranged iconic pop tunes that go back to the 1950s.

1 MON ★ Chicago Goes West
Led by drummer Karl Schwonik and featuring trumpeter James Davis and bassist Nicolas Bedard, the trio shows its strong ties to traditional jazz while bringing a fresh approach.

2 TUE ★ David Asbury
The guitarist, teacher, and scholar, has appeared on concert stages throughout the world.

3 WED ★ ChinahBlac
The vocalist, who has coined her sound as "aggressive soul," has worked with The Dave Mathews Band, Erykah Badu, Jill Scott, and others.

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Blues Alley: Gene Bertoncini Trio, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.

Bohemian Caverns: Matvei Sigalof, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., $25.

DC9: The Torches, 7 p.m., $10.

HR-57: Rhythminic Accents, 9 p.m., $12.

Iota: Laura Tsaggaris, Dawn Landes and the Hounds, 9 p.m., $12.

Jammin' Java: Gloria Kim, Michael Butler, 2 p.m., $8.

Jaxx: The Audition, the Dangerous Summer, Sparks the Rescue, the Right Coast and more, 1 p.m., $15.

State Theatre: Bruce in the USA, 9 p.m., $18.

Twins Jazz: Luis Faife Quartet, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.

The Red and the Black: Convoy Skateboards Winter Party, 9 p.m., $6.

SUNDAY

9:30 Club: Thievery Corporation, 8 p.m., $40.

Birchmere: Robert Klein, 7:30 p.m., $35.

Black Cat: XMC, the Formers, 9 p.m., $8 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Gene Bertoncini Trio, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.

DC9: The Uglysuit, Still Life Still, 9 p.m., $8.

Kennedy Center, Concert Hall: Ella! featuring Dee Dee Bridgewater, Janis Siegel & The Dizzy Gillespie All-Star Big Band, 7 p.m., $20-$45.

The Red and the Black: CJ Boyd Gary Rouzer, 9 p.m., $6.

Rock and Roll Hotel: People Under the Stairs, Grieves with Budo, Kenan Bell, 9 p.m., $15.

Twins Jazz: Jon Bremen, 9 & 11 p.m., $10.

Velvet Lounge: Mic Finite, Metaphysical, the Cornel West Theory, 9:30 p.m., $8.

Sight

LAST CHANCE Addison/Ripley Fine Art: "Wolf Kahn," the German-born painter's pastels and oil works, through Sat. 1670 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-238-5180, addisonripleyfineart.com.

Alexandria Black History Museum: "Spirits in a Bottle," a lighthearted exhibit pays tribute to an African tradition, through Jan. Exhibitions highlighting Alexandria's history, ongoing. 902 Wythe St., Alexandria; 703-838-4356, oha.alexandriava.gov/bhrc.

Anacostia Community Museum: "Separate but Unequaled," exhibit highlighting the achievements and success of baseball's Negro leagues. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-1000, anacostia.si.edu.

Ann Loeb Bronfman Gallery: "Blue Like Me: the Work of Siona Benjamin," the Jewish artist's upbringing in India is explored through painting, through Jan. 29. 1529 16th St. NW; 202-518-9400, washingtondcjcc.org.

The Art League Gallery: "Timbuktu," her 18 years in Africa provides the basis for printmaker Kathleen Stafford's art, through Feb. 1. 105 N. Union St.,

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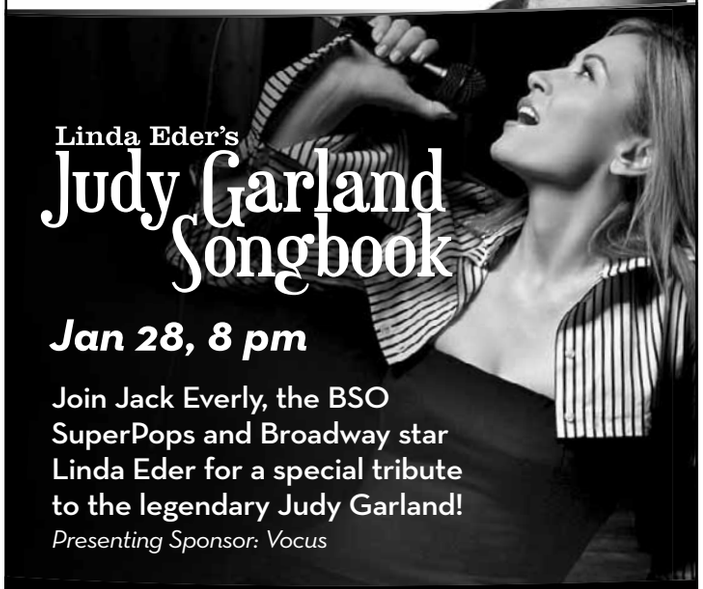

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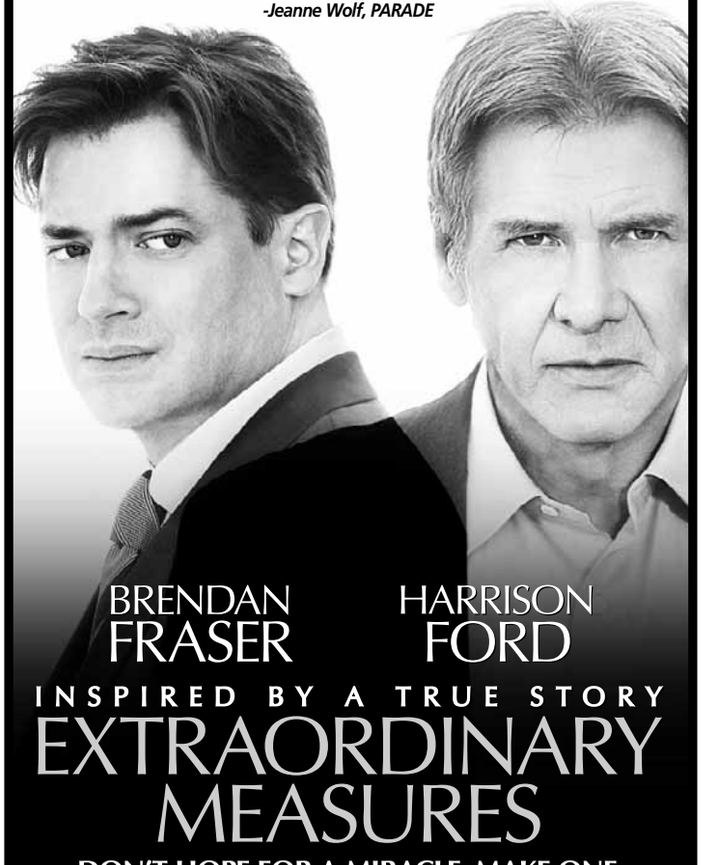

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Athenaeum: "Kazaan Viveiros," collage-like images explore the relationship between perception and memory, through Feb. 28. 201 Prince St., Alexandria; 703-548-0035, nvfaa.org.

Carroll Square Gallery: "3D: Contemporary College," work from Kyan Bishop, Leah Frankel and Elizabeth Kendall, reception Fri. 6-8 p.m., through March 26. 975 F St. NW; 202-624-8643, carrollsquare.com/gallery.

Caos on F: "Chul Beom Park," abstract and haunting 3-D mixed-media collages, through Feb. 27. 923 F St.; caosonf.com.

Civilian Art Projects: "Don't Look Now," an artistic discovery rather than just showcase from George Jenne provides a cinematic look into the journey of knowledge, through Feb. 13. 1019 7th St. NW; 202-607-3804, civilianartproj-

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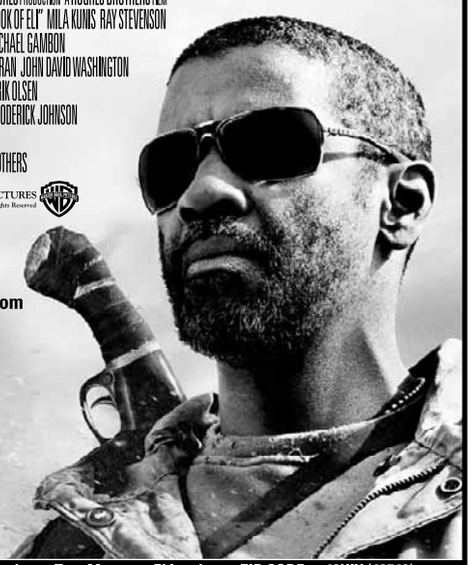

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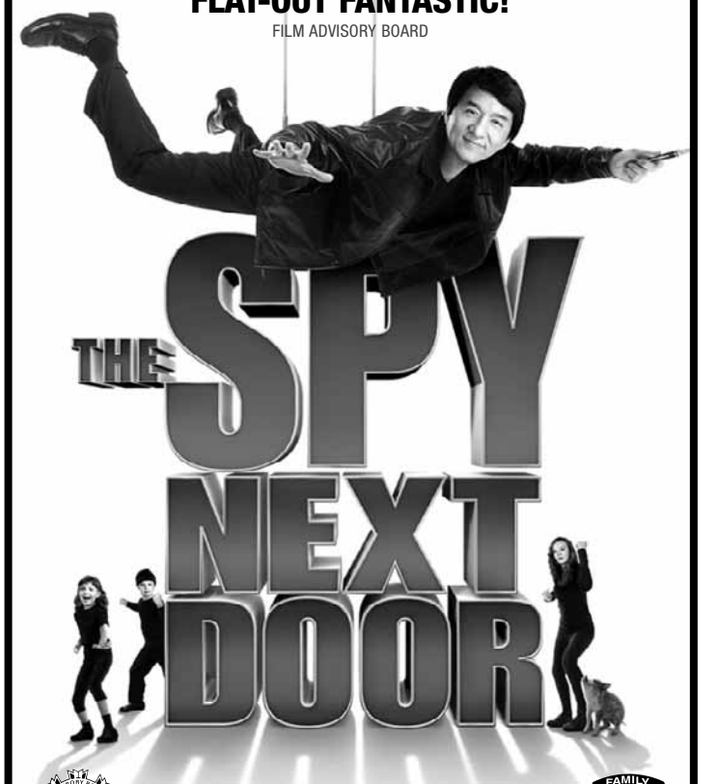

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Corcoran Gallery of Art: "American Bronzes" "Sculpture From the Mouse House: the Olga Hirshhorn Collection," ongoing. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, corcoran.org.

Cross Mackenzie Gallery: "Snow White," no color needed in the ceramics of Christa Assad, Charles Birnbaum, Jean-Marie Grenier, Jeff Irwin, and Maren Kloppmann, through March 5. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-333-7970, crossmackenzie.com.

D.C. Arts Center: "Memory Meets Imagination Halfway," evocations of female sexuality are layered against the landsapes of Spain and California in paintings from Adam De Boer, through Feb. 21. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

Flashpoint Gallery: "Inside Mouth," minimalist drawings from Jackie Milad explore the expressions of the face, through Feb. 13. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, flashpointdc.org.

The Foundry Gallery: "A Deeper Reality," abstract, theoretical physics-inspired paintings from Doris Colbert Kennedy, through Jan. 31. 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203, foundrygallery.com.

Freer Gallery of Art: "Children at Play in Chinese Paintings," through May 23. "Texture of Night: James McNeill Whistler," through June; "Cornucopia: Ceramics From Southern Japan," through 2011. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

Gallery Neptune: "January," color-rich compositions from Albert Schweitzer, Ed Bisese, Lisa Brotman, Glenn Friedel, Elyse Harrison, Elaine Langerman and Wayne Paige, through Jan. 30. 5001 Wilson Lane, Bethesda; 301-718-0809, galleryneptune.com.

Goethe-Institut: "Roads and Paths: Photography by Bernhard Fuchs," human construction and natural scenery mix, through March 19. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200, goethe.de/washington.

Hamiltonian Gallery: "Call and Response" a musical term is interpreted visually as 16 artists interact with each other, through Feb. 13. 1353 U St. NW; 202-332-1116, hamiltoniangallery.com.

Hemphill Fine Arts: "Vintage Kodak

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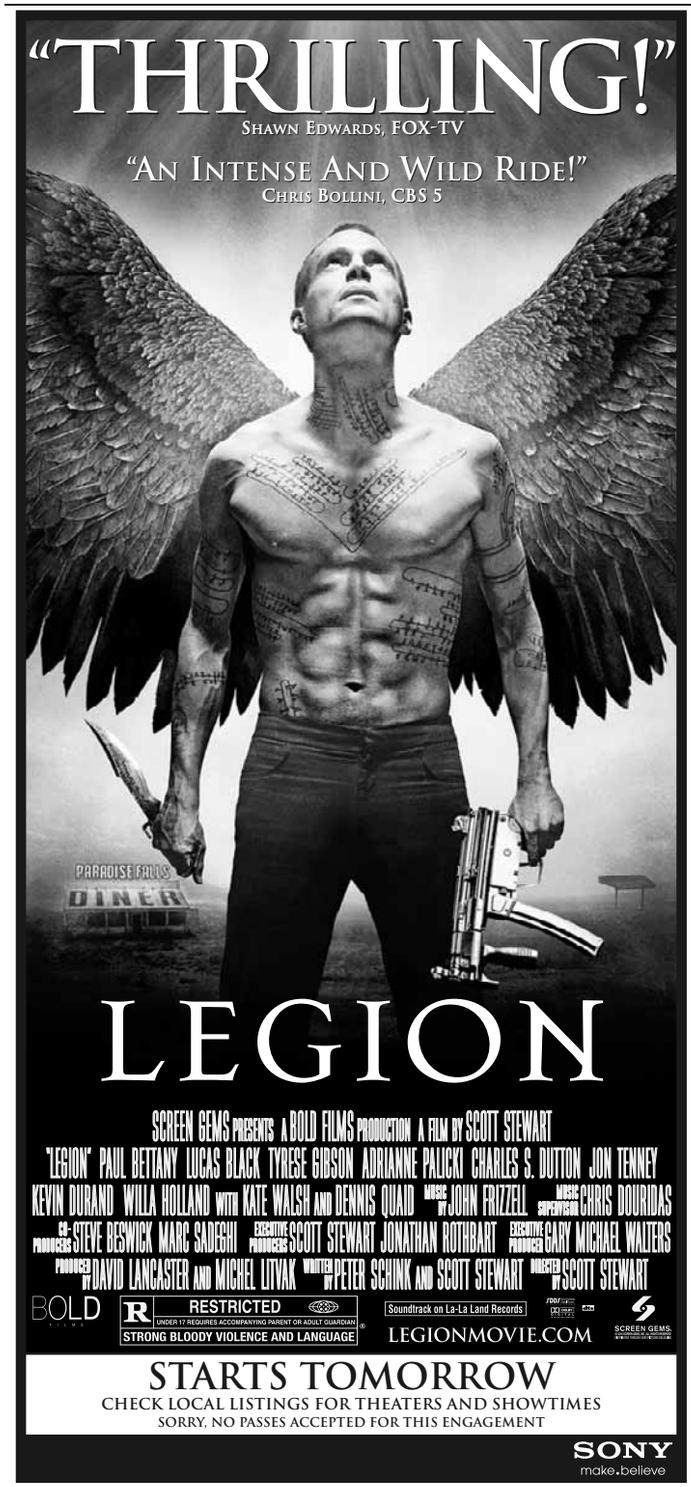
LOOK AND LAUGH: Jokes don't always get old, and comedian Robert Klein has mined the funny bone of America for 45 years. More brain-tickling than knee-slapping, Klein has influenced generations of funnymen and brings his thoughts on life and politics to the Birchmere on Sunday.



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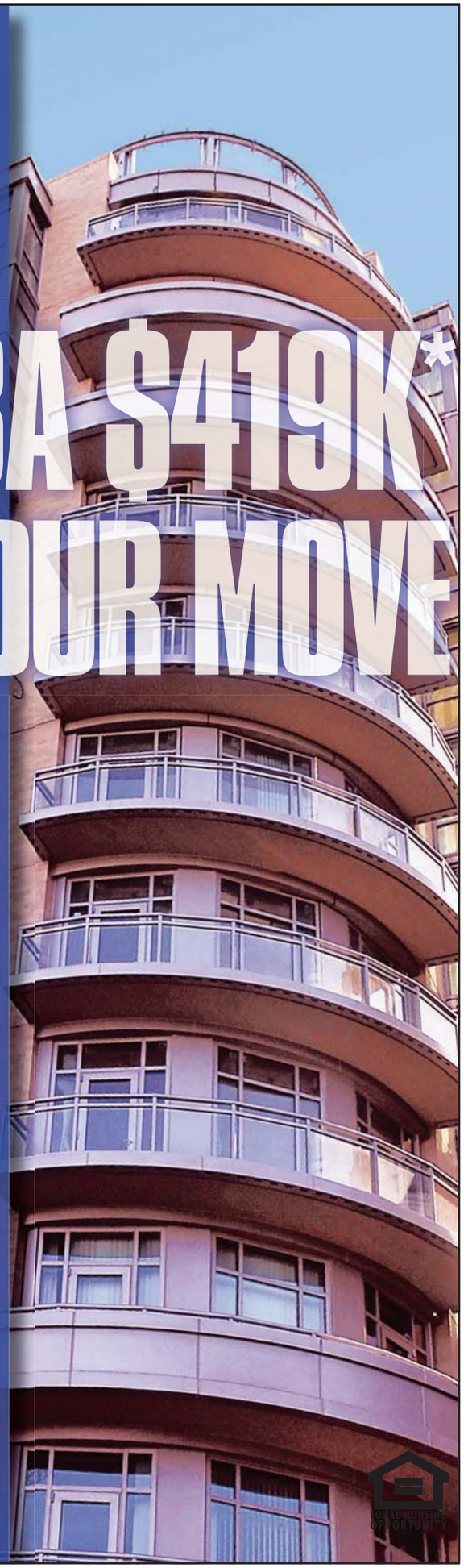

Weekend Pass

More Than the Rosary

DELORES SMITH

LONG SERVING: Morality was more than theoretical for the women of the Catholic Church and "Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America," at the Ripley Center at the Smithsonian, celebrates the quiet societal impact of these women.

the scene

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Brownies," William Christenberry's extraordinary photos come from a more-than-ordinary camera. "Distortion, Delay and Sustain," A playful look at post-modern art through the collages and installations of Robin Rose. "Flower Studies," Donald Baechler infuses non-abstract images with deeper meaning, reception for all Sat. 6:30-8:30 p.m., through March 13. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601, hemphillfinearts.com.

Hillyer Art Space: "Adjunct/Disjunct," the struggles of the teaching artist, through Feb. 20. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, artsandartists.org.

Hirshhorn: "Strange Bodies: Figurative Works From the Hirshhorn Collection," ongoing. "Black Box: Phoebe Greenberg," through April 11. "Directions: John Gerrard," 3-D installation mixes reality with fiction, through May 31. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.org.

Honfleur Gallery: "Stories," three artists compile photographs to illustrate the conflict in Africa, reception Fri. 7 p.m., through Feb. 26. 1227 Good Hope Road SE; 202-580-5972, honfleurgallery.com.

Industry Gallery: "Round the Corner," sculptor Shlomo Harush re-examines conventional means of seating, through March 6. 1358 Florida Ave. NE; 202-399-1730, industrygallerydc.com.

Irvine Contemporary: "The Struggle to Right Oneself," static shots of very violent action from photographer Kerry Skarbakka; "Uncomissioned Memorials," marble and stone creations from Sebastian Martorana, through Jan. 30. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

The Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "Palestinians, meanwhile ..." the lives of ordinary Palestinians are captured in

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the photograhs of Elena Farsakh, reception Fri. 6:30-8:30 p.m., through Feb. 26. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958, thejerusalemfund.org.

The Joan Hisaoka Healing Arts Gallery: "Traces, Celebrating the Life of Jutta Phillippi Eigen," artists offer a tender homage to the memory of Jutta, through Jan. 30. 1632 U St. NW; 202-483-8600, smithfarm.com.

Koshland Science Museum: Various science-related exhibits including "Global Warming Facts & Our Future," "Lights at Night," "Infectious Disease: Evolving Challenges to Human Health," "Wonders of Science," ongoing. 6th & E streets NW; 202-334-1201, koshland-sciencemuseum.org.

The Lyceum: "Tramping and Trailing With the Girl Scouts," photos and artifacts detail the growth and expansion of scouting in the D.C. area, through May 31. 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria; 703-838-4554, historicalalexandria.org.

Marsha Mateyka Gallery: "Recent Work," work from Christopher French, Jae Jo, Nathan Oliveira, Andrea Way, Nancy Wolf, through Feb. 20. 2012 R St. NW; 202-328-0088, marshamateyka-gallery.com.

Mexican Cultural Institute: "Dialogues in Mexican Photography," showing the best of the Mexican photographic community, through Jan. 30. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628, instituteofmexicodc.org.

National Air and Space Museum: "Alan Bean: Painting Apollo, First Artist on Another World," reflections and paintings from the fourth man on the moon; the largest collection of historic aircraft and spacecraft in the world, ongoing. 6th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nasm.si.edu.

National Gallery of Art, East Building: "Editions With Additions: Working Proofs by Jasper Johns," through April 4.; "Alexander Calder"; "The Robert and Jane Meyeroff Collection: Selected Works," through May 2. **National Gal-**

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Western Girls

JOSHUA COGAN

HER STORY: Using the backgrounds of California and Spain, Adam De Boer paints stories of tender sexuality that grow despite the social pressures of those cultures. "Memory Meets Imagination Halfway" shows at the DC Arts Center.

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Washington DC

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POLICE, ADJECTIVE (NR) (1:35, 4:10)7:00, 9:40

The Avalon Theatre

The Avalon Theatre — www.theavalon.org

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INVICTUS (PG–13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

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AVATAR (PG–13) 12:30, 4:00, 7:30

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AVATAR 3D (PG–13) 1:15, 5:00, 8:30
IN DIGITAL 3-D

THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 1:45 P.M.

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Virginia

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THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35
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PRECIOUS: BASED ON THE NOVEL ``PUSH" BY SAPPHIRE (R) (2:10) P.M.

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P and G Montgomery Mall Cinema

Bethesda

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IT'S COMPLICATED (R) 3:00, 5:20, 7:40

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Food Fight

Ching Ching Wong comes in from the 20-degree windchill, shivering in her puffy down jacket. She hurries past the dining room of her Georgetown tea shop, Ching Ching Cha, and immediately asks longtime manager and friend Desmond Yim to make a pot of oolong tea.

"Just coming in here makes me feel better," says Wong. It is cozy, with sunlight streaming from a skylight window and the aroma of fresh oolong leaves in the air. So why is the tearoom almost empty?

"They keep saying [on the news] not to go outside!" she says, referring to the "cold snap" we keep hearing Bob Ryan talk about. Wong says her shop provides warm refuge from this weather. What's more, its main ingredient can provide protection from winter sickness.

Tea is one of the most common remedies for the common cold throughout the world. It's full of antioxidants called polyphenols, which have antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties. Wong recommends the sweet osmanthus tea, a light tea said to help loosen phlegm. For a healthful bite, try the marbled tea egg cooked with star anise, the herb the anti-flu drug Tamiflu is derived from.

If you're craving something stronger than tea, head to the intimate bar at the Tabard Inn for a spiced Irish hot toddy. It's a mix of Irish whiskey, honey, hot water, lemon, cinnamon stick, cloves and star anise. Curing a sore throat with whiskey and honey may sound like something from your grandparents' day, but even Webmd.com recommends the combo to "ease congestion" and "help you sleep."

For a more substantial meal to combat a cold, Minh's Vietnamese Restaurant in Arlington serves a hearty bowl of flavorful mushroom soup, or canh nam tôm chua. One of the best dishes on the menu, its mushrooms boost the immune system, and its crushed lemongrass has antibacterial properties. Much of the bold flavor comes from fresh lime leaves picked straight from chef-owner Anh Nguyen's mother's backyard, and it also features plump shrimp, vegetables and red pepper flakes. "I learned to make it from my mom," Nguyen says with a smile.

Made with star anise, Ching Ching Cha's marbled tea egg is a flu-fighting wonder.

Another comforting bowl can be found at Chinatown Express in, well, Chinatown. Get the noodle-in-soup with fresh hand-stretched noodles and chicken. According to the National Institutes of Health, hot chicken soup can help unclog nasal passages, at least temporarily. A more surprising remedy lies in the delicious garlic and green onion dipping sauces that come with any meal at this noodle shop. Garlic contains the bacteria-fighting compound allicin, while onions have vitamin C and antioxidants.

Of course, if you're really sick, home remedies shouldn't take the place of a trip to the doctor's office. Teahouse owner Wong says some of her customers seem to forget that and ask her about herbal cures.

"Tea is good for you naturally, but a lot of people want to market it as medicine," she says. "I don't like the idea of making tea a medicine." SUEMEDHA SOOD

- *Ching Ching Cha, 1063 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-8288. (Foggy Bottom)*
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Recipe File

MUSHROOM SOUP

Ingredients

- 13 oz. of tamarind sour broth: chicken broth; tamarind extract; fish sauce; sugar; garlic, caramelized ; fresh lemongrass, crushed *
- 4 oz. mushrooms, thickly sliced
- 6 jumbo shrimp
- 2 lime leaves (Nguyen recommends using fresh leaves, but says the dried variety, found at most Asian markets year-round, can be substituted.)
- green onions, cilantro, crunchy shallots and red pepper flakes to garnish

Makes One Serving

1. In a large pot, combine the chicken broth, caramelized garlic, tamarind extract, fish sauce, sugar and lemongrass. Cover and bring to a boil. (Tamarind extract can be substituted with tamarind paste or powder.)

2. Add the shrimp and lime leaves. When shrimp become pink, add the mushrooms. Bring to a boil and allow to simmer for about 30 seconds. Remove from heat. (Nguyen says the mushrooms don't need to be well-cooked.)

3. Sprinkle chopped green onions, cilantro, crunchy shallots and red pepper flakes on top to garnish.

** Though forthcoming with the ingredients of their Tamarind Sour Broth, the owners at Minh's would not share exact portions of the soup's "secret ingredient" but suggested that folks at home add flavors to taste.*

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Cork Market releases Cork Wine Bar's vino selection as well as select small plates from the bar, like this sandwich, to the public.

Wine Buy the Bottle

Cork Market offers patrons the wine bar experience to go

Sippy Cups

Fans of the wine selection and small plates at Logan Circle wine bar Cork can now enjoy the same tastes and sips at home, thanks to the newly opened Cork Market.

Located a short distance up 14th Street NW from Cork, which opened in 2008, the market offers more than 300 wines, local products and some of the same dishes you can find on the menu at Cork. Starting in February, Cork Market will offer tasting workshops with distributors and local sommeliers in an upstairs space.

The team behind the market and wine bar is husband and wife Khalid Pitts and Diane Gross, and Gross said the pair "wanted to create a neighborhood store."

"This is our neighborhood, and it's great to have somewhere to go to get wine or food," she said of the market, which opened in early December.

Wines are predominantly Old World, with about 50 New World varieties. With so many bottles to choose from, Cork Market makes it easy to discover wines with daily tastings and weekend visits from importers or wine makers.

"This is our neighborhood, and it's great to have somewhere to go to get wine or food."

— **DIANE GROSS, LEFT, AND HER HUSBAND, KHALID PITTS,** ARE THE HUSBAND-AND-WIFE DUO BEHIND THE NEW CORK MARKET IN THE HEART OF D.C.'S LOGAN CIRCLE.

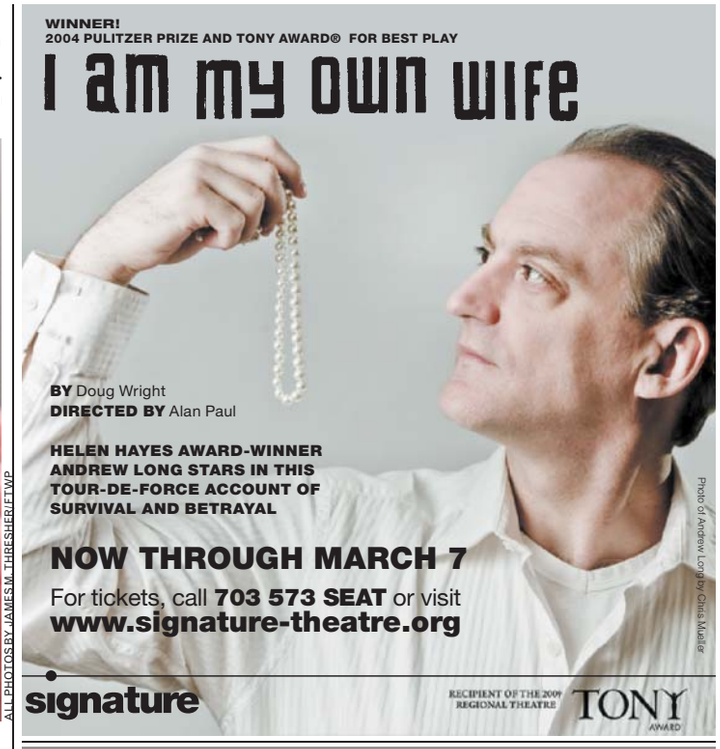
"We open two bottles, a red and a white, on weekdays between 5 and 7 p.m., and we open more when importers come on Saturdays from 3 to 6 p.m.," Gross said.

Head to the back of the market and find foods to pair wines with. For lunch, try sandwiches such as grilled vegetables with goat cheese and pesto prepared by chef Kristin Hutter, while dinner could be quiche, short ribs or fried chicken (only on Wednesdays). Look for the chicken liver pate or oil-cured tomatoes that are popular at the wine bar, as well as local products such as sauce from the Copper Pot Food Company, Cherry Glen Farm goat cheese and Dolcezza gelato, along with cookies from Paisley Fig bakery.

With these options, it's too bad that every D.C. neighborhood can't have a place like Cork Market.

AMY CAVANAUGH

● *Cork Market and Tasting Room, 1805 14th St. NW, 202-265-2674; corkdc.com/mkthome.html. (U St.-Cardozo)*



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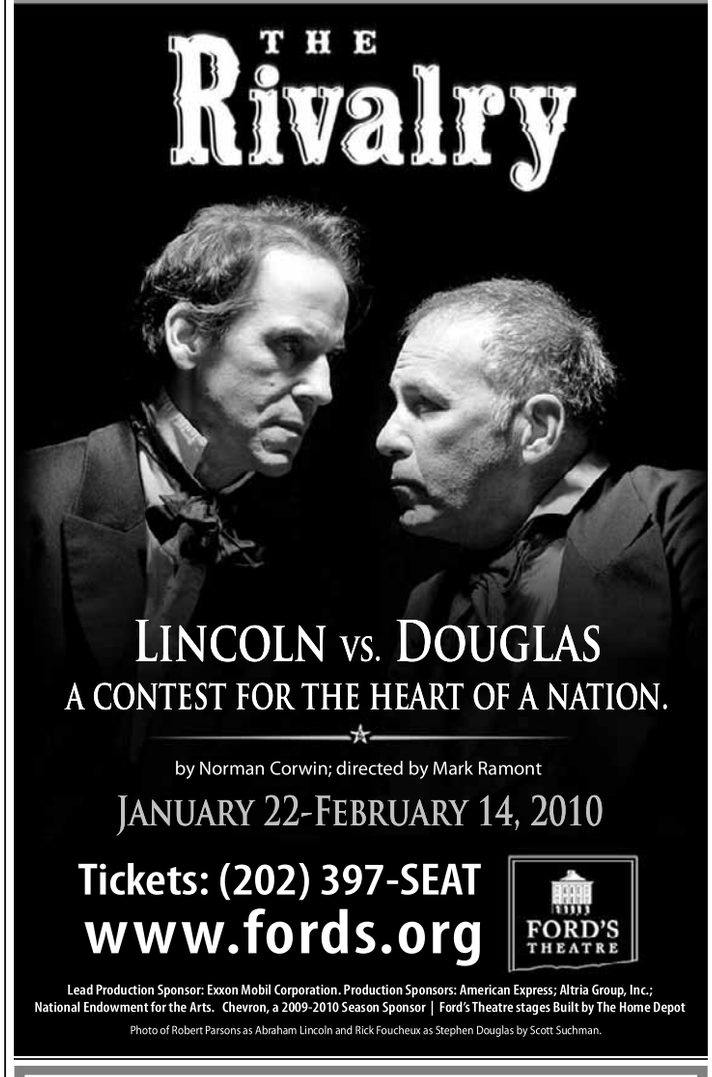

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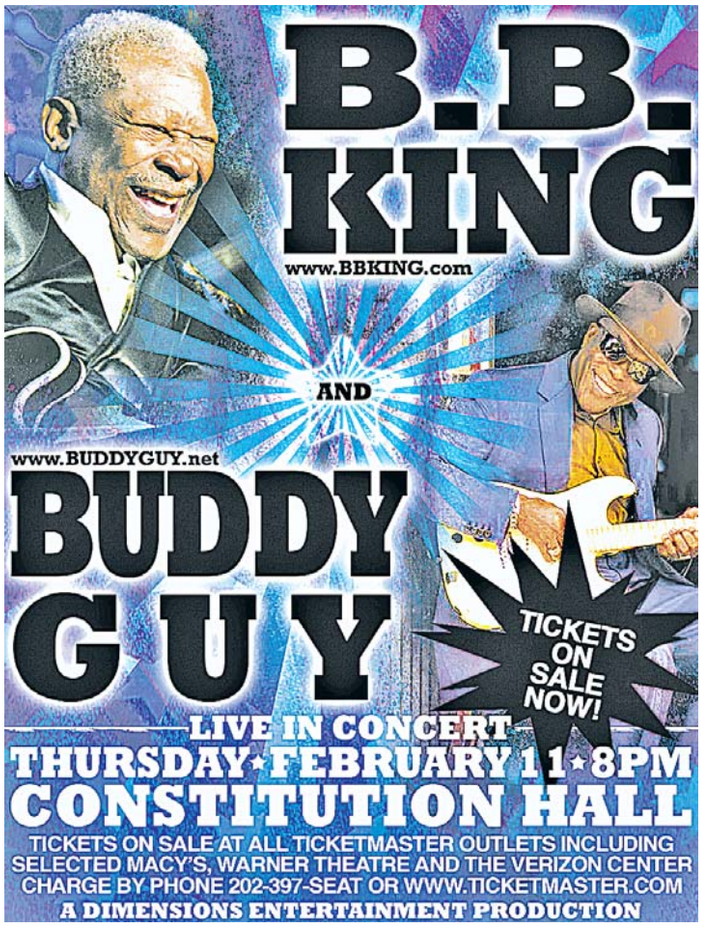

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National Geographic: "Terra Cotta Warriors," the legendary Chinese clay figures come to D.C., through March 31; "Polar Obsession," photographs from the frigid and chilling arctic world, through Feb. 15. "National Geographic Image Collection," best of the magazine's storied collection, through April 15. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588, nationalgeographic.com/museum.

National Museum of African Art: "Artful Animals," a family-friendly exhibition looks into Africa and its animals, through Feb. 21. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600, africa.si.edu.

National Museum of American History: The newly light-filled space contains an array of ongoing exhibitions, including "The Scurlock Studio and Black Washington: Picturing the Promise," through Feb.; "The Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag That Inspired the National Anthem"; "On the Water: Stories From Maritime America"; "Bon Appetit! Julia Child's Kitchen at the Smithsonian"; and many more. 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, americanhistory.si.edu.

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National Portrait Gallery: "Faces of the Frontier: Photographic Portraits From the American West, 1845-1924," through Jan. 24; "Portraiture Now: Communities," individual members of small towns and families come alive, through July 5; "Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition," through Aug. "One Life: Echoes of Elvis," portraits and exhibits of the King, through Aug. 29. Other permanent exhibitions, 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, npg.si.edu.

Newseum: "Manhunt: Chasing Lincoln's Killer," through Feb. 28. "Woodstock at 40: The Rise of Music Journalism," through Oct. 31. "First Dogs: Presidential Pets in the White House;"; "G-Men and Journalists," a history of media coverage and the FBI, both through Dec. 31; "Athlete: the Sports Illustrated Photography of Walter Iooss," through Dec. 31, ongoing permanent exhibitions illustrating the role of a free press in a free society. 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, newseum.org.

Parish Gallery: "Art in the Eye of a Needle," microscopic sculpted art — literally inside the eye of needles — from the very patient Willard Wigan, through Jan. 23. 1054 31st. St. NW; 202-944-2310, parishgallery.com.

Pepco Edison Place Gallery: "Sculpture 2010," group exhibition from the Washington Sculptors Group, through Feb. 12. 702 8th St. NW; 202-686-8696, washingtonsculptors.org.

The Phillips Collection: "Man Ray, African Art and the Modernist Lens," iconic photos that recontextualized African art and revolutionized photography, through Jan. "Brain Storm," stunning video installation from Jennifer Wen Ma, through Sun. "Object as Subject: Photographs of the Czech Avant-Garde," ahead-of-their-time photography from Czech artists, through Feb. 7. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151, phillipscollection.org.

Project 4 Gallery: "Cornelia Schulz," paintings from the San Francisco artist play with color and the shape of the canvas, through Jan. 23. 1353 U St. NW; 202-232-4340, project4gallery.com.

Renwick Gallery: "Paintings From the Smithsonian American Art Museum," ongoing. 1661 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-633-2850, americanart.si.edu/renwick.

Reyes + Davis: "Fine Lines," An exhibition of drawings from Janis Goodman, Kate McGraw, Linn Meyers and Jennifer Mullins, "Icarus: Intersections," both through Jan. 30. 923 F St. NW; 202-255-5050, reyesdavis.com.

S. Dillon Ripley Center: "Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America," photos and other artifacts illustrate the impact of these quiet women on American life, through April 25. 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; 202-633-1000, si.edu/ripley.

LAST CHANCE Smithsonian American Art Museum: "What's It All Mean?" retrospective of the paintings and work of William T. Wiley, through Sun. Permanent collection, ongoing. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu.

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Can't Take the Riot Out of the Grrrl

LIUDI HARA

PERPETUAL PROTEST: Kerry Davis moved to Dubai and started a new band, but the former girl-power punk rocker still keeps the amps squealing. Playing as Two Tears at the Black Cat on Saturday, Davis makes a sound that's grungy yet sweet.

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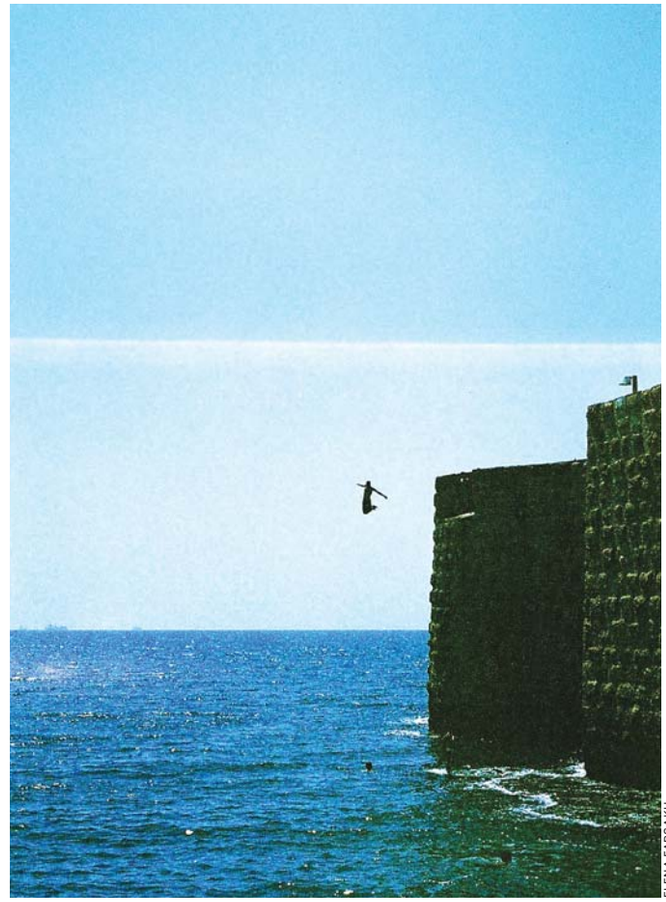

ELENA FARSAKH

STOLEN MOMENTS: Oppression and risk might come with the life of Palestinians, but hope remains. Photographer Elena Farsakh captures the smaller joys of life in "Palestinians ... meanwhile ...," showing at the Jerusalem Fund Gallery.

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Studio H Gallery and Workshop: "Azul," extremes of the human experience are captured in the photos of Geoff Ault, through Jan. 31. 408a H St. NE; 202-468-5277, studiohdc.com.

Studio Gallery: "Songs of the Earth—Great and Small," the 16 artists of Studio 155 offer their view on the natural world, through Jan. 30. 2108 R St.; 202-232-8734, studiogallerydc.com.

The Textile Museum: "Fabrics of Feathers and Steel: Innovation of Nuno"; "Contemporary Japanese Fashion: The Mary Basket Collection," through April 11. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, textilemuseum.org.

Transformer Gallery: "Snow Globe," D.C. artists Jessica Cebra and Zach Storm create a magical winter-inspired space, through Feb. 20. 1404 P St. NW; 202-483-1102, transformergallery.org.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Plants in Culture"; "Hawaii"; Permanent exhibitions of more than 4,000 plants and a tropical rain forest. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, usbg.gov.

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum: "A Dangerous Lie: Protocols of the Elders of Zion," "State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda," "Remember the Children: Daniel's Story," artifacts, photographs and oral histories , ongoing. 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place/15th St. SW; 202-488-0400, ushmm.org.

Washington Gallery of Photography: "Clean Hands Project," a series of photographs by and of the struggling Dalit underclass of Nepal, through Jan. 29. 4850 Rugby Ave., Bethesda; 301-654-1998, wsp-photo.com.

Washington Printmakers Gallery:

"Jack Bourl: Monotypes and Paintings," through Jan.31. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757, washingtonprintmakers.com.

Stage

Constant State of Panic: Two couples face the fears of the world — and their own paranoia — in this comedy from Madcap Players, through Jan. 31, $20. H St. Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE; 800-494-8497, madcapplayers.com.

Death and the Maiden: A torture survivor gets a chance at revenge in this drama presented by Silver Spring Stage, through Feb. 7, $20. 10145 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-593-6036, ssstage.org.

The Four of Us: Envy battles friendship in this laugh-filled look inside the artistic world from Itamar Moses, through Feb. 21, $30-$55. Theater J, 1529 16th St. NW; 800-494-8497, theaterj.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY The Human Jungle Gym: Galumpha mixes awe-inspiring acrobatics and sparkling dance, Fri. 7:30 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m., 1:30 & 5:30 p.m., sold out. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 800-444-1325, kennedy-center.org.

I Am My Own Wife: The real-life story of Charlotte Von Mahlsdorf, a German transvestite who survived Nazi rule, through March 7, $47-$74. Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703-820-9771, sig-online.org.

In the Red and Brown Water: A young girl balances dreams of running against the realities of the Lousiana projects, through Feb. 14, $49-$56. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

The Last Cargo Cult: Insight and humor star in satirist Mike Daisey's monologue about South Pacific islanders' awe of American stuff, through Feb. 7, $25-$30. Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, 641 D St. NW; 202-393-3939, woollymammoth.net.

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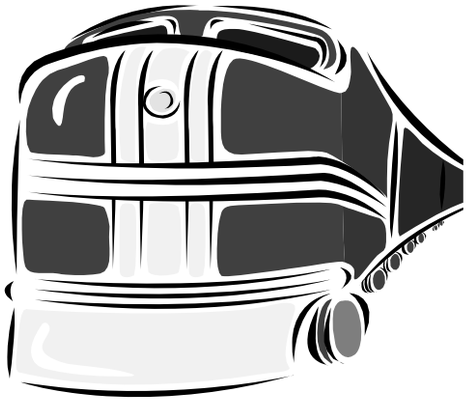

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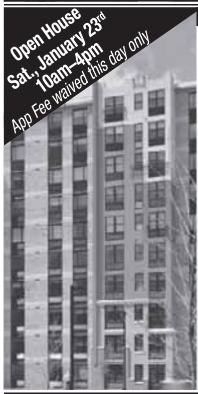

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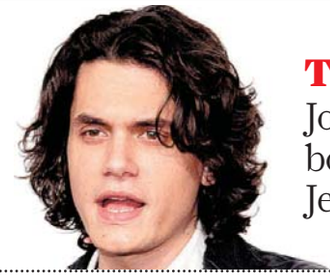

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John Mayer regrets botching things with Jennifer Aniston **35**

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In week two of NBC's late-night meltdown, I'm tired of reading about high-paid, middle-aged white guys vying for supremacy. There is, you know, a woman in the mix. Her announcer calls her "the queen of late night." Admittedly, she has no competition. But she still deserves the crown.

By Marc Silver

Nightly on BET, Mo'Nique runs a show that is just like her: bold, bawdy, hilarious and full of heart. Welcoming singer Keri Hilson, Mo'Nique says, "I'm going to get to these questions on this card, but we got to get to this foolishness they put out on Twitter." Mo'Nique allegedly disrespected Hilson on the Internet. A total lie. "I do not twit and I do not tweet," Mo'Nique declares. To whomever cooked up the fake comments, she says: "You all can kiss my ass and Keri's ass, too." Now, that's a voice you just don't hear in the Leno-Letterman-O'Brien world.

Mo'Nique has said, "This show is for us — it's black entertainment television." When Al Roker of the "Today" show asked whether other races are welcome, Mo'Nique put it like this: "You can be from Mars, sugar — it's for everybody."

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Music Outlook Good

New tunes from the Chili Peppers and Arcade Fire should make 2010 rock solid

Albums

Rock fans will be happy to know that this year, some of the genre's biggest names will return to the scene.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers may make Time Warner's Warner Bros. happy — and those who bought 55 million of their records — with a sequel to 2006's "Stadium Arcadium." Work started in October, with the band talking about a release date this year. A strong return by the Californian rockers would be welcome after a two-year hiatus, though they haven't confirmed a replacement for guitarist John Frusciante.

Canada's Arcade Fire brings out its first album in three years in about May. The group's previous CDs are among the best of the past decade, providing walls of sound with orchestras, a military choir, mandolins and bouzoukis.

The year started with Elvis Presley fans marking the 75th anniversary of his birth. Presley, who would have been 525 in hound-dog years, has been overtaken in the dead-celebrity earnings roster by Michael Jackson, according to Forbes. We can compare and contrast the two prescription-drug Kings while playing "Elvis 75," another fine compilation (Sony), or "Another Day," an unmixed Lenny Kravitz-Jackson song that has slipped onto the Internet.

Canadian rockers Arcade Fire, above; Anthony Kiedis of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, below.

Selection

Jams for All

Even if you're not a big fan of somber indie bands or that feisty Lady Gaga, this year there's something for everyone. Other acts expected to release music include Mariah Carey, the Roots, Blink-182, Hot Chip, k.d. lang, Usher and Sade. (EXPRESS)

Gil Scott-Heron, 60, releases his first studio album in 13 years after fighting drug addiction. "I'm New Here" is due out on Feb. 9 from XL. The tracks heard so far sound as good as his stinging "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised" from 1971.

Among gigs of the year, U2 is playing its first Glastonbury Festival in June, following Bruce Springsteen's conquering-hero performance last year. Jeff Beck will be jamming with Eric Clapton in New York, Toronto, Montreal and London in February.

Also worth watching: a reformation by Seattle grunge band Soundgarden; and the prospect of new material by Eminem, Kanye West, Justin Timberlake, Goldfrapp, the Strokes, Robert Plant and Alison Krauss, Midlake and (just maybe) Amy Winehouse.

It's hard to write a preview of 2010 without using the words "Lady" and "Gaga." The go-faster Madonna is aiming for Grammy stardom on Jan. 31. Even if Beyonce beats the pop provocateur, we can expect a continued chart rampage and the "Monster Ball" tour.

MARK BEECH (BLOOMBERG NEWS)

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Andrews Takes to the Skies

The actress is back to her tricks of old for 'Tooth Fairy'

Film

It may seem like deja vu when movie legend Julie Andrews makes a flying entrance in the new family comedy "Tooth Fairy," opening Friday. Forty-six years ago, she descended from the sky as superpowered nanny Mary Poppins and instantly became a beloved cultural icon, launching a career in which she would entertain generations of audiences.

Instead of carrying an umbrella, Andrews touches down in "Tooth Fairy" with wings as the Chief Tooth Fairy of Fairyland.

Andrews, 74, stars opposite former pro wrestler Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, who plays the title character, a bad-boy hockey player who specializes in knocking out his opponents' teeth on the ice. It's not only his reckless conduct that gets Johnson's Derek "The Tooth Fairy" Thompson summoned to Fairyland. The embittered athlete must atone for heartlessly discouraging a child's dream of becoming a hockey star.

20TH CENTURY FOX

The erstwhile Mary Poppins takes a turn as Lily, the matriarch of Fairyland.

Andrews plays Lily, the no-nonsense matriarch of Fairyland, who sentences Derek to two weeks of hard time as a tooth fairy despite his protests. "I loved it," she says. "I mean, it's hard to tell this big guy off, you know."

Andrews says she looks for roles that will resonate with audiences. "Do I feel like I can help the film and do something with it and for it?" she asks herself. "With this one, it was very easy to say yes." **ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)**

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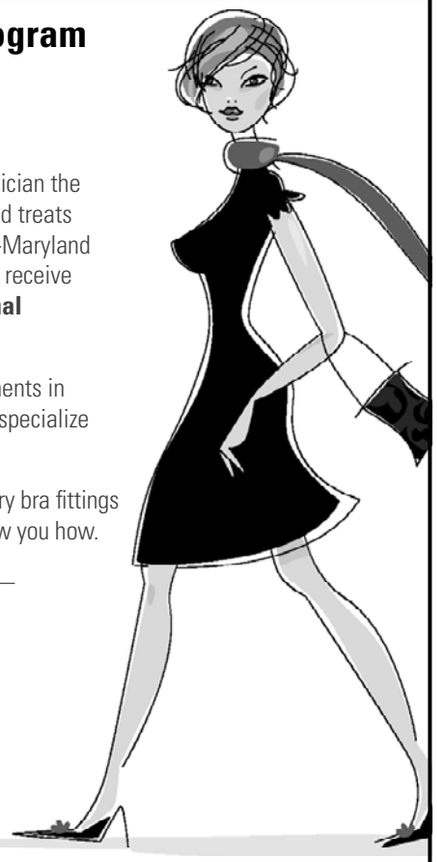

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Spoon's an 'Underdog' No More

The indie troupe exercises its right to shift musical gears

CD Review

Indie bands don't get more mainstream than Spoon. Its last album, "Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga," peaked at No. 10 on the Billboard 200. But it turns out that the band has many sides, as evidenced by its seventh full-length release, "Transference." On this album, any single-worthy material to be found is buried deep behind a wall of noise. Essentially, "Transference" is an album of B-sides.

AUTUMN DE WILDE

Spoon uses its reputation as a hitmaker to take things in a different direction.

Weird, complex, meandering — it inspires many predictable descriptive phrases, but this is hardly radio-ready like "Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga," which contained the standout masterpieces "You Got Yr. Cherry Bomb" and "The Underdog."

And while "Transference" won't be winning the band any new fans, that might just be the point. If it wanted to make another Billboard top 10 album, there's no doubt that it could, so this album could be seen as a purposeful step backward. If anyone has earned a right to mess around in post-production, it's Spoon. But it could also be seen as less of a retreat and more of a declaration of independence.

And it does, indisputably, sound great. It would be easy to play "Transference" in the background and let all the songs run together, since while they aren't all exactly similar, they are consistent.

It's easy to say "Transference" will grow on you, because anyone who plays it more than once will find that to be the case. The trick will be actually getting people to play it twice — especially those looking for another "Underdog."

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To watch Spoon's music videos and to read more about this album, visit **expressnightout.com**

Film File

Webb Spins Webs

Marc Webb has caught the job of "Spider-Man" director. Sony Pictures and Marvel Studios announced Tuesday that the "(500) Days of Summer" director will helm the next "Spider-Man" film in the wake of the departure of Sam Raimi and Tobey Maguire, the director and star who worked on the previous three Spidey films. **(AP)**

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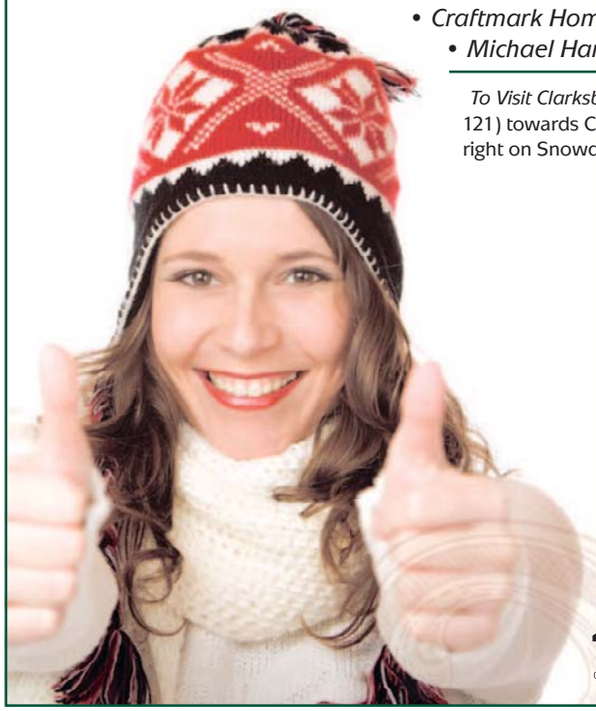

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Read It and Weep

Erich Segal, author of tearjerker 'Love Story,' dies at 72

Obituary

MAJA LANGSDORFF/AP

Segal's "Love Story" became a film that was nominated for seven Oscars.

Erich Segal, the Ivy League professor who attained mainstream fame and made millions sob as writer of the novel and movie "Love Story," has died of a heart attack, his daughter said Tuesday. He was 72.

Francesca Segal said her father died Sunday at his home in London. She said he had suffered from Parkinson's disease for 25 years.

Segal was a Yale classics professor and screenplay writer when he turned a proposed movie about two college students — preppy Oliver and smart-mouthed Jenny — into a novel. Published in 1970, "Love Story" was a weeper about a young couple who fall in love, marry and discover she is dying of cancer. It was a million-seller guaranteed to make readers cry and critics scream.

A much bigger audience caught up with the film version, which starred Ryan O'Neal and Ali MacGraw. "Love Story" gained seven Oscar nominations — including one for Segal for writing the screenplay, and for best picture, best director, best actor and best actress. It won one Oscar, for best music.

Segal was an honorary fellow of Wolfson College at Oxford University. He is survived by his wife, Karen James, and daughters Francesca, 29, and Miranda, 20.

MEERA SELVA (AP)

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Best Bets

NBC 8:00

Community Listen, do you want to know a secret? They're all over the place in this new episode. The gang finds out that Jeff has a new love interest, which he wanted to keep under wraps. Meanwhile, Troy and Britta have some secrets of their own they can't wait to share.

NBC 9:00

The Office Memory Lane? Right this way. In the new episode "The Banker," a potential buyer shows interest in Dunder Mifflin, which has Michael, Dwight, Andy and Pam turning themselves inside out to impress him with their high-profile connections.

CBS 10:00

The Mentalist Sharon Lawrence, who established her "police drama" cred on the Emmy-winning show "NYPD Blue," guest-stars as Mayor Melba Walker Shannon, as Jane and the team investigate the murder of the mayor's aide. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

ABC

THE DEEP END

'L.A. Law' Rebooted

ABC 8:00

The lives of five rookie lawyers at a prestigious Los Angeles firm are the meat of this new drama series from David Hemingson ("How I Met Your Mother") and Jan Nash ("Without a Trace"). Between trying to resolve their ideals and the reality of the job, they also have some interesting office politics to navigate. Matt Long, Leah Pipes, Ben Lawson, Tina Majorino and Mehcad Brooks star. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Investigation

Behind the Food

"Food Tech" (9 p.m., History) examines the industry that supplies us with cheap meals. Don't go looking for an expose in the Michael Pollan vein. "Tech" unfolds with an enthusiast's zeal. Tonight's menu includes the secrets behind burgers and fries, a meal Americans consume 7 billion times a year. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Horoscope

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your personal schedule must take priority; don't let others convince you that their needs and desires are more important.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can contribute to a team effort and still be singled out. Have faith in your ability to attract the right kind of attention.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Avoid self-indulgence. Put your best foot forward, but be sure that you don't come off as someone who wants more than he deserves.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Just when you thought that interest in a past endeavor had reached an all-time low, there are those who will want you to start all over again.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can do much to further the efforts of a friend or loved one. In the process, you're likely to improve your own situation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Use caution as you approach a junction between desires that you can understand and those that you cannot. Tempers may flare at some point.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You and a friend may end up at cross-purposes, but it's only because you haven't communicated clearly about a common interest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Do not sacrifice cooperation simply because you want a little more of one thing and a little less of another than a co-worker.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Change is unavoidable, and that which is most subtle — and perhaps even unnoticeable — is likely to be most important.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your reaction to certain developments will make all the difference. How you interpret the behavior of others may surprise you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's the little things that count — and they can surely lead directly to big things if you let them.

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Yesterday's Solution

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Yesterday's Solution

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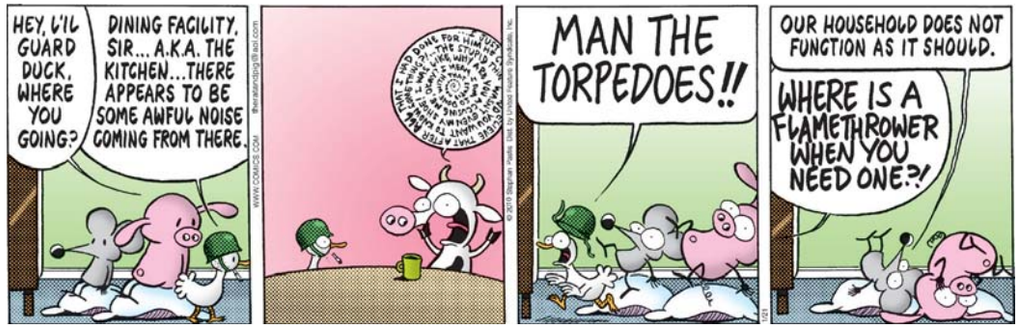

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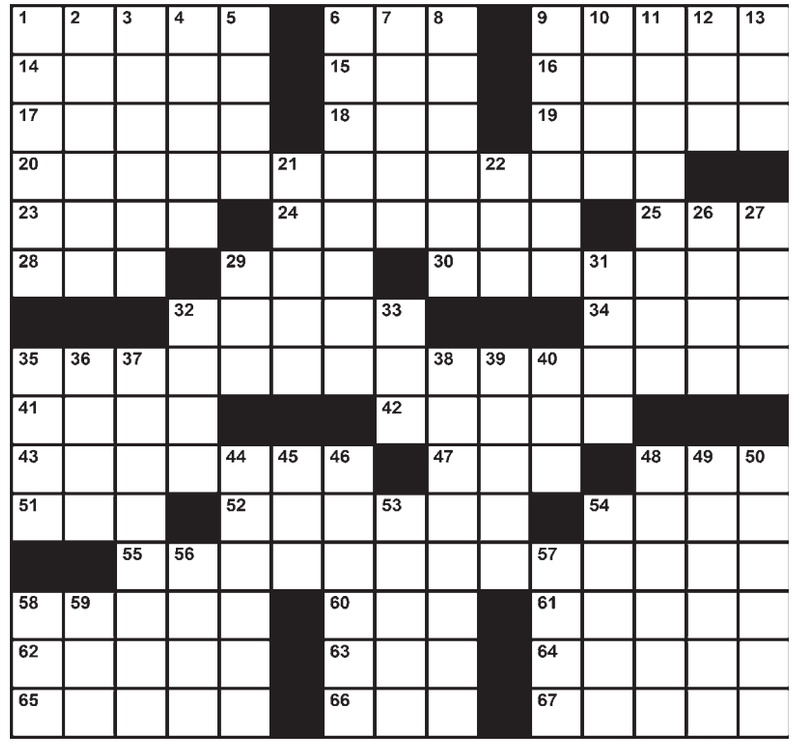

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ACROSS

1 Gordon of the comics
6 Protest topic, often
9 Economist Robert
14 Life of ___ (ease)
15 "Now ___ seen everything!"
16 Blow holes?
17 Deprived of nutrition
18 "Now wait just a ___!"
19 Barrel scrapings
20 Part of a salad, perhaps
23 A G rating admits them all
24 Former Disney chief Michael
25 Apprehend
28 Didn't follow
29 1979 film "Norma ___"
30 Term of endearment
32 Addlebrained
34 Bumper blemish
35 It's at the entrance of some estates
41 Hula swivelers
42 Blender button
43 Ipecac and others
47 Body-slam landing spot
48 Witchy woman
51 Japanese currency
52 Extremely serious
54 Couch potato's domain
55 Gainesville students
58 Addictive narcotic
60 Barnyard grunter
61 Italian coins replaced by euros
62 ___-cochere (covered entrance)
63 All-purpose truck, for short
64 Scapegoat's onus
65 Animal in a roundup
66 Grad. degree
67 More cunning

DOWN

1 Careful about spending
2 Amount of space in a newspaper
3 Batman's butler
4 Bird-feeder fill
5 "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. ___"
6 Most thin and weak
7 Affirms
8 Scouting missions, in military slang
9 Stand the test of time
10 Cop after pushers
11 Drink in a Chinese restaurant
12 Drumstick
13 Shaky start?
21 Below, to the Bard
22 Dawn moisture
26 "___ Misbehavin'"
27 ___ noire (pet peeve)
29 Equip, as a ship
31 "Postcards from the ___"
32 Process for fingerprints
33 Puppy protest
35 Cheesemaking byproduct
36 Hoarfrost
37 Combat-commencing command
38 Searched (through)
39 Chimp relative, briefly
40 Pay stub listing
44 Compound related to another
45 ___ anglais (English horn)
46 Blunder
48 "Yippee!"
49 Steep-roofed house
50 Funny joke, in old slang
53 "All in the Family" character
54 Moonshine machine
56 Guitar granddaddy
57 Priest's robes
58 Photo ___ (White House events)
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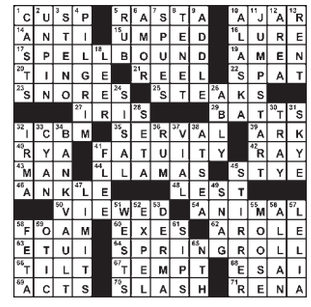

Today in History

1908 New York City women are prohibited from smoking in public.

1950 A federal jury in New York City finds former State Department official Alger Hiss guilty of perjury.

1977 President Jimmy Carter pardons almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

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ROUGH LIFE

Woman Cursed With Fortune, Fame and 'All-American' Looks

A childhood friend of the Kardashian sisters' reported to Usmagazine.com that it was Khloe, pictured, not Kim, who was the guy magnet in grade school. "Everyone thought she was cuter," the friend says of Khloe Kardashian. "She looked all-American, so she got more attention." **(EXPRESS)**

MOURNING

Murphy's Family Speaks Out

A month after Brittany Murphy's death, her mother and husband say they are convinced the actress died of natural causes, not drugs or an eating disorder. She had mitral valve prolapse, a condition where a heart valve does not properly close, but doctors said she "would live a long life," said her husband, Simon Monjack. Coroner's officials have not said Murphy's death was from anything other than natural causes. **(AP)**

EXCUSES

The Old 'Emergency Oral Surgery' Routine

According to People.com, Charlie Sheen's estranged wife, Brooke Mueller, is being treated in a Los Angeles-area hospital after emergency oral surgery. Sheen and Mueller were supposed to go to trial Wednesday, but a judge delayed the hearing on whether to eliminate Sheen's protective order until Friday because of Mueller's "medical emergency." **(EXPRESS)**

HEY, LADIES

Single And Willing

John Mayer was full of confessions in his interview with Rolling Stone this month, starting with his feelings for Jennifer Aniston. Calling himself an expletive for breaking up with his on-again-off-again squeeze, John Mayer admits he's having a hard time moving on. "I've never really gotten over it," he says. "It was one of the worst times of my life." Mayer also touched on other wildly personal issues, most of them pertaining to the most intimate details of his sex life. **(EXPRESS)**

"Imagine when the tides turn and you don't have everyone in your face, then you are really going to be, like, 'What is wrong with me?'"

— **"AMERICAN IDOL" JUDGE KARA DIOGUARDI,** DISCUSSING THE PROBLEMS HEIDI MONTAG'S PLASTIC SURGERY SPREE WILL CAUSE HER LATER IN LIFE ON WEDNESDAY'S "BONNIE HUNT SHOW."

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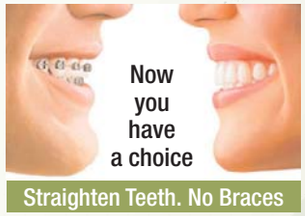

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